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## BLACK HAND OF ASSASSINATION SHADOWING RUSSIA'S RULERS.



Driven to desperation by the massacres of the people, a league of revolutionaries has sworn to exterminate prominent officials responsible for carrying out the brutal measures of the Government. Of the men on the fateful list they have made, the Grand Duke Sergius (1), Prince Vasilchikoff (4), and Prince Andronnikoff (7) have already met their doom. Now bombs are being distributed wholesale among the people, and Russian officialdom is trembling for the fate of the others—Count Priedzietzki (5), General Novosiliev (6), M. Boulignine (2), and M. Manukhin (3).







# NINETY-FOUR MILE BATTLE-FRONT.

Greatest Engagement in the  
History of the World.

750,000 TROOPS.

Yesterday's Fighting the Prelude to  
World's Record Battle.

## MUKDEN IN PERIL.

The development of the Japanese attack all along their ninety-four-mile battle front between Mukden and Liao-yang shows that the Mikado's Generals believe the Russian army to be utterly disorganised.

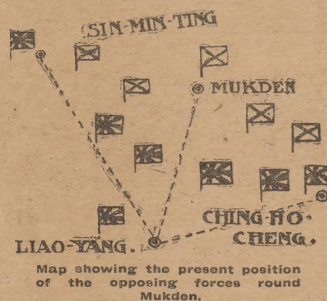
It shows that these Generals calculate upon being able to occupy Mukden without much difficulty. If they did not count on this, they would content themselves for the present with mere skirmishes on the wings.

The fact that, in contradiction of all forecasts, they are making the engagement general proves that they feel sure of being able to occupy Mukden much earlier than they expected.

The spring seems to have come earlier than usual in Manchuria. The ground has been softening under the influence of recent mild weather, and now it is necessary to move before the roads get too miry.

Always, when the long iron winter finally breaks up, there is a period of mud and slush. Unless the Japanese get to Mukden before this period sets in, they will have to wait until it is over. The roads would be too heavy for long marching operations by a huge force.

The number of troops engaged is the greatest ever gathered together for a battle in the history



of the world. Altogether there are not less than three-quarters of a million men joining one another—the Japanese eager and confident, the Russians, according to all accounts, brave and dogged, but out of heart, despondent, depressed.

Already the Japanese have gained two famous initial successes. Already they have turned the Russian left flank. They did this by the capture of the important fortified post of Ching-ho-cheng some days ago.

Furthermore, it is reported this morning that a force of Japanese has occupied Sinmining, and therefore got around the Russian right flank as well.

Sinmining has been a most useful place to the Tsar's troops. It is the terminus of the railway from China, and the Russians drew a very large part of their stores from there. These will, of course, be stopped at once. But this is not all.

From Sinmining there is a fairly good road, forty miles long, to Mukden. While the main Japanese army is advancing on the city from the south another force will be able to approach it along this road, from the north-west. If the Russians stay there they will be caught between two fires.

## GREAT BATTLE IMPENDING.

Probably the Biggest Military Struggle in the World's History.

WITH GENERAL OKU, Tuesday.—The Russians have been very active for several days, evidently expecting a Japanese move.

Probably the beginning of a general battle is only a matter of hours.

The severe bombardment is continuing to-day, the Russians using additional heavy guns, but firing blindly, while the Japanese reply with a light fire. There is every evidence that both sides are preparing for what may prove to be a decisive battle.

Probably fully a million men are ready to move when this takes place.

Judging from present indications, it will be the greatest battle in the history of the world. For three months both armies have been satisfied with holding their lines without making a serious move, waiting for the great struggle when the weather should permit.—Reuter's Special Service.

## SHOOTING THROUGH CLOUDS.

WITH GENERAL OKU, Friday.—The battle is progressing favourably, though a snowstorm is swirling over the hills and the gunners get glimpses of their targets only when the clouds lift for a few moments.

The Japanese have made great gains by their night advances against the Russian positions on the extreme left, and now occupy part of the first line of the enemy's triple line of defences in the hills beyond the Sha-ho.—Reuter's Special Service.

## RUSSIANS AS CHINESE.

In Kuroki's attack on the Russian lines on the Sha-ho a number of prisoners were captured.

The Russian captives were partly dressed in Chinese clothes, and looked as if they had led a hard life.

## HEAVIEST GUNS EVER USED.

WITH GENERAL OKU, Wednesday.—The Japanese this morning opened a terrific bombardment along the entire line, using enormous guns, the heaviest ever used in the field.

A hundred guns of all sizes took part in the bombardment.—Reuter's Special Service.

## BATTLE RAGES ROUND MUKDEN.

NEUCHWANG, Friday.—Chinese from Mukden report that the Japanese have advanced almost to that place. The Russians, they say, having been reinforced, have recaptured several of the positions from which they had been driven out, and a battle is raging.—Reuter's Special Service.

## RESIGNED TO DIE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday.—A correspondent of the "Novoe Vremya" telegraphs that the Japanese are embracing in semi-circles with considerable forces both the Russian center and left flank, and that if they succeed in taking Kudiuzh they will be able to cut off the retreat of the Russians from Madiadania.

The commander of the detachment at that place has issued an order of the day declaring that he will not retire, even if he has to sacrifice his whole force, the men of which, worn with fatigue, appear to be resigned to die if they cannot conquer.—Reuter.

## TAKING THE OATH.

Splendid Ceremonies Will Mark Mr. Roosevelt's Inauguration To-day.

Splendour will be the ruling note of the ceremony to-day when Mr. Roosevelt takes the Presidential oath.

It is his first actual election to the Presidency, for his last term was merely what remained of Mr. McKinley's after his death.

Mr. Roosevelt is to sit on a great tribune, while a procession of 5,000 troops, thousands of college students, 20,000 of his political supporters, a large body of Indians and cowboys, and 1,000 school-children passes before him.

A company of ranchmen in the guise of cowboys and roughriders, and a squadron of Volunteer cavalry will form the President's bodyguard.

Mrs. Roosevelt is to wear a dress of specially woven silk brocade, the pattern of which has been destroyed, so that no one can wear a similar dress.

## REMARKABLE ENDURANCE.

Tied to a Horse Man Runs for 13 Miles, Beaten by Rods of Iron.

A strange tale is related by Laffan's St. Petersburg correspondent.

At Bobruisk, after a struggle between two peasants and a young man, the latter was tied to a horse's tail, and forced to run after it over a distance of thirteen miles, being beaten all the way with iron rods.

When he got into the Gorbachev Government he was bleeding and barely alive. He asked that medical aid might be sent for. During his enforced excursion he was robbed of his gold watch, chain, and other objects.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Three hundred men engaged in the electrification of the Belfast tramways struck work yesterday, asking for an additional increase of wages.

Employees at Rome railway station have abandoned their obstructive tactics, and trains are running pretty much the same as usual.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria is coming to London on Monday to pay a few days' visit to the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

## BOY M.P.'s MAIDEN EFFORT.

Lord Turnour Makes a Very Successful First Speech.

## "LIKE MR. PITT."

A boy addressed the House of Commons yesterday and won for himself some very precious compliments. The speaker was Viscount Turnour, the twenty-one-year-old member for Horsham, and his maiden speech was a promising performance.

The achievement entitled Lord Turnour's name, in view of his youth, to be bracketed with that of the boy premier, William Pitt.

Sir Edward Grey pointed out this coincidence in the course of a graceful congratulation of Lord Turnour.

"The noble lord has not attained a record," he said, "but he has the satisfaction of sharing a record with Mr. Pitt. But I hope he will feel, in dividing the honour with Mr. Pitt, that the distinction he has earned is in no way diminished."

The maiden speech of the youngest member was naturally the most interesting feature of yesterday's sitting. The noble lord intervened during the second reading debate on the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill.

"I must apologise for intruding in the debate," he modestly remarked, "more especially as I think



Viscount Turnour.

no other hon. member or right hon. member has had the temerity to address the House before attaining the age of twenty-two years."

Asked by the *Daily Mirror* his sensations at hearing his own voice in the House, the one-speech member said—

"I was nervous at first owing to my mild voice. But the House was very kind, and after a few minutes I felt all right. I was very thankful that the House was not full, and so was easier to address."

"If the House is very full, a continuous buzz of conversation goes on, which I should imagine would greatly upset one. Anyway, I felt intense relief when it was all over."

## DIARY OF AN M.P.

Whips Blame Listless M.P.s for Reduced Unionist Majorities.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, Friday Night.—There is to-day a good deal of discussion in the Lobby as to the causes which contributed to the substantial reduction in the Government majority at last night's sitting, and the official Government Whips offer the explanation that it is simply due to the inattention of their supporters. At the same time, they make no secret of their belief that, unless members show a much greater desire than they do at present to rally to the support of the Government, the situation may become critical at any moment.

I learn that Sir Alexander Acland Hood, as Chief Ministerial Whip, will issue, within the next few days, a very urgent reminder to the Government supporters of the necessity for close and constant attendance during the next few weeks. Notwithstanding the fact that the matter has already been fully discussed between the leaders of both sections of Ministerialists, no amendment has yet been placed upon the paper to Mr. Winston Churchill's "free food" motion, which comes on for consideration on Wednesday evening next.

The more extreme tariff reformers are very anxious that there should be a square issue before the House on preferential tariffs. This, of course, does not suit Mr. Balfour at the present moment.

## "BLACK HAND" OVER RUSSIA.

Many High Officials Marked for Revolutionaries' Vengeance.

## LIST OF DOOMED.

From all parts of Russia—St. Petersburg, Moscow, Riga, and Poland—come reports showing that further tragedies are pending.

The Tsar has issued a manifesto calling upon the officials to do their duty, and making an appeal to "all right-minded people" to rally round the throne. But its tone shows that the more moderate Ministers have fallen into disfavour, and that the Grand Ducal party has again triumphed. The demands of the workmen have been rejected. Another general strike seems inevitable, and troops are being poured into St. Petersburg, in anticipation of further disorders.

It is rumoured that some of these troops are disaffected, and will join the people. A large number of bombs said to have been distributed among the workmen.

From Warsaw all the trains for Vienna and Berlin are crowded with well-to-do people, flying in terror of still more serious disturbances than those the city has already seen.

Meanwhile, evidence from various sources and the striking letter from our St. Petersburg correspondent, shows that the revolutionaries are likely to take terrible measures to avenge the slaughter of the people.

## RUSSIA'S "BLACK HAND."

A Businesslike Society That Plans the Assassination of Officials.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ST. PETERSBURG, February 28.—There can no longer be any doubt that the extreme revolutionaries of this country, maddened by the recent repressive measures, have decided on a policy of wholesale murder. The black hand of assassination is terrorising the rulers of ill-fated Russia.

There is evidence of the existence of a league which, though not large, has members in various great centres. This body has devoted itself to planning the systematic extermination of the more prominent oppressors.

There is no doubt that the man who killed the Grand Duke Sergius was acting under the direction of this league. The terrible plan was so thoroughly carried out, that everyone believes the man who drove across the square just before the assassination and the woman disguised as a nun were all accomplices acting under the direction of the league.

A report comes from Warsaw that there is a list of officials condemned to death by these determined men which is perfectly well known. Prince Andronnikoff, who ordered the troops to fire on the people in that city, is said to have been first on that list, and he was found dead on the streets on February 20 with a dagger in his throat and a label marked "No. 1" on his coat. Prince Vasilitchyoff, another officer whose brutality made him conspicuous during the riots, was killed a few days later, and he was marked "No. 2." Count Priedietzki, who was threatened as "No. 3," has fled from the city.

General Novosiloff and others whose barbarity has incurred the hatred of the populace, are all reported to have been warned that they have been placed on the "list of death."

There is evidence that similar lists have been made in other centres. The assassin of the Grand Duke Sergius, when asked by M. Boulignine, Minister of the Interior, "Do you know who I am?" replied, "Yes; you are No. 7." M. Mannikhin, the new Minister of Justice, has also been included in the list of those doomed.

It is probable that within the next few weeks all past records of assassination in Russia will shrink into comparative insignificance.

## TSAR'S MANIFESTO.

Calls Upon All Right-minded People To Rally Round the Throne.

The following are among the more striking passages of the Tsar's manifesto, the text of which was sent from St. Petersburg yesterday by Reuter's correspondent—

"With the help of the prayers of the Holy Orthodox Church under the banner of the autocratic might of the Tsar, Russia has already frequently passed through great wars and disturbances, always issuing from her troubles and difficulties with fresh and unbending strength."

"Thinking unceasingly of the welfare of our people, and firmly trusting that God after He has tried our patience will give victory to our arms, we appeal to right-minded people of all classes to join us in single-minded co-operation by word and deed in the great and sacred task of overcoming the stubborn foreign foe, and of eradicating revolts at home, and in wise efforts to check internal confusion."



## COUNTESS LINDA AS WITNESS.

Developments in the Bonmartini  
Murder Trial.

### SORDID HISTORY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

**TURIN, Friday.**—With the appearance of the Countess Linda in the witness-box, the interest in the Bonmartini trial to-day reached its climax.

Though broken in health and showing marked traces of the long imprisonment she has endured, and the torturing anxiety that has racked her, she still remain ample proofs of the marvellous beauty which fascinated the murdered Count in 1892.

A crowded court listened in breathless silence while she unfolded, step by step, the sordid tragedy of her life.

The principal actors in her life story were:—

Count Bonmartini, her husband, murdered on August 30, 1904, in his flat at Bologna.

Tullio Murri, her brother.

Dr. Secchi, her elderly lover.

Rosina Bonnetti, her maid, and her brother's sweetheart.

Pio Naldi, a needy gambler, and the friend of Tullio Murri.

As a girl she had made the acquaintance of Dr. Secchi, then a penniless young physician who had given her instruction in Swedish gymnastics.

#### A Rich Match.

Shortly afterwards Secchi passed out of her life for the time being at the desire of her father and mother, who wished her to marry a rich man.

Up to this time, as Secchi stated in his evidence, and as the Countess reiterated in passionate tones, the relations between the pair had been innocent.

Early in 1892 she met the wealthy Count Bonmartini. She was then in the first flush of her wonderful beauty, and the middle-aged, commonplace nobleman soon fell a victim to her charms. In September, 1892, the pair were married, and the beautiful girl had made the rich match for which her parents had schemed.

But there was never a more ill-assorted couple. Linda was educated, witty, and refined, while the Count was unintelligent, brutal, and violent.

Under the strain of this uncongenial life, the Countess began to fail in health, and in 1898 left her husband.

Shortly afterwards she renewed the old acquaintance with Dr. Secchi, whom she acknowledged to have been her lover for some time before her return to her husband, which took place in April, 1902.

#### Tullio's Suggestion.

In bringing about this reunion her brother, Tullio Murri, was instrumental, but no sooner was it accomplished than Murri regretted what he had done.

Accordingly he wrote to Dr. Secchi, suggesting that the pair should take measures to rid his sister of "her husband."

He proposed to do this by means of the Indian poison curari, and the Countess actually accompanied Dr. Secchi to an establishment in Darmstadt, where the pair obtained a supply of the drug.

Experiments made with the poison convinced Murri that its use would not be efficacious, and the poison-plot was consequently abandoned.

On August 23, five days before the murder, the Countess wrote a letter to her mother, in which she expressed her intention of committing suicide, as the only way out of the misery her unhappy marriage caused her.

#### Sympathy for Countess.

This letter was shown to Murri by his mother. Five days later, as his confession made in court proves, he deliberately sought the Count in his flat, and, with the connivance of Naldi and the woman Bonnetti, stabbed him to death. Murri's pose as the champion of his injured sister was somewhat damaged by the presiding Judge, who extracted from him the admission that after the murder he had appropriated his victim's purse and the 472 it contained.

On these facts, as elicited by the examination of the other prisoners in this case, the evidence of the Countess Linda was given.

The sympathy with the prisoners which was evident while Murri was giving his evidence was even more marked during the examination of the Countess.

Her denunciations of her murdered husband, which were broken by violent fits of weeping, excited feeling comments from some of the hearers, and the proceedings had more than once to be stopped in order to obtain silence.

### HOW AMERICA SAVES ENGLAND.

"If it wasn't for American flour, I don't know where England would be," remarked Charles Bowyer, a baker, in the course of a case at the West Ham Police Court yesterday.

"There is one thing we do agree on, then," rejoined Mr. Sharman, one of the counsel engaged. "You don't believe in taxing food."

### STILL BOOMING.

Excellent Trade Reports from All  
Over the Country.

Trade continues to improve in the most gratifying fashion. Pessimists who last week said the improvement was only a feeble, despairing kick must retire in confusion in face of the reports from all over the country.

The Board of Trade reports a general recovery during the month. The returns number 4,422, of which 3,900 were from employers and 1,294 from trades unions.

On the Clyde there is great shipbuilding activity. At the beginning of the year there were orders on hand for new ships to the extent of 470,000 tons. During January and February further orders for 270,000 tons were placed.

And throughout the kingdom shipbuilders are fully employed. Since January 1 orders for more than 1,000,000 tons have been placed.

Tyneside is benefiting from the development of the steam turbine.

In Sheffield the cutlery trade is doing good business, especially in gardening tools. Orders for the Colonies are unusually heavy. The Admiralty are requiring 27,000 dozen rasps and files.

#### Steel Rails for France.

The improvement in the cutlery trade has stimulated the bone and celluloid industries.

Messrs. Vickers, Son, and Maxim's report for the past year is the best since 1900, Government orders keeping the firm very busy.

The Leeds iron and steel trades are doing well, and a big order for steel rails for the French Government is spoken of.

The boot trade, too, reports better conditions. In the Bristol district manufacturers have ceased to complain. In Northampton most firms are working full time.

On the Stock Exchange the sensational rise during the week of Hudson Bays, from 37½ to 73½, leading to a general "boom" in Canadians, has been the feature.

A sign of the times is the lengthy list of new companies. Many of these concerns have been deliberately held back for months for the favourable moment to appear.

### GREEK OR NO GREEK.

Premier and His Brother Will Probably Vote  
at Cambridge To-day.

The voting on the great Greek or no Greek question at the Cambridge University commenced yesterday, and many votes were recorded.

To-day it is expected that the Premier and Mr. Gerald Balfour will record their votes, and yesterday's voters included Sir Richard Jebb, M.P.; Sir Robert P. Fitzgerald, M.P.; Sir Lees Knowles, M.P.; and Mr. Fletcher Moulton, M.P. The undergraduates are too much immersed in boating events to take much interest in the proceedings.

### SERVANT LEGACIES.

Liverpool Printer Makes Handsome Bequests  
to His Employees.

Further bequests to faithful servants are reported. Already the total this year reaches nearly £100,000.

The late Mr. G. G. Walsdale, of West Kirby, Cheshire, who carried on a printing and stationery business in Liverpool, has left:—

£250 to Samuel Evans.

£250 to Fanny Bibby, widow of Robert Newton Bibby, formerly in his employ.

£100 to Henry Carroll.

£50 to Mary McGovern.

£10 to each of his shop employees of five years' service.

£25 to each of his shop and warehouse employees of three years' service.

#### NEW L.C.C. CHAIRMAN.

The *Daily Mirror* is in a position to state that Mr. A. E. Cornwall, on the retirement of Mr. J. Williams Benn from the position of chairman of the London County Council, will be elected to that post at a meeting to be held on the 15th inst. Mr. Cornwall has been one of the guiding forces of the Progressive Party since the inauguration of the London County Council, and is at present a Liberal candidate for one of the divisions of Bethnal Green.

#### WORKHOUSE FIRE BRIGADE.

Within less than five minutes after the fire alarm was given at Camberwell Workhouse, Peckham, early yesterday morning, the house brigade had subdued it.

When the three fire engines arrived upon the scene, at 12.45, the officer in charge found that their services were not needed.

Three months ago the master decided to establish a fire brigade in the Camberwell Workhouse, and twelve of the male employees were drilled regularly.

## RECTOR'S ONE MINUTE SERMONS.

"Messiah" Pigott's Cousin as a  
Country Clergyman.

### MILDEWED CHURCH.

Since the Church of England first came into being no more extraordinary incidents have ever occurred in a place of worship than those recounted at Yatton, Somerset, yesterday, during an inquiry into the conduct of the Rector of Kingston Seymour, the Rev. George Herbert Smyth Pigott.

He is a cousin of the leader of the Agapemonites, whose public declaration that he was Divine created so much excitement a few months ago. The Bishop of Bath and Wells has instituted the proceedings.

It was in 1892 that Mr. Pigott succeeded his father in the rectoryship. There was a healthy spiritual life in the parish at that time, said the Bishop's counsel. Services and Sunday school classes were well attended, the bells were rung, and the organ was played.

Now the church is filthy with mildew and absolutely unhealthy. The congregation often numbered two persons only. For six years the Sunday-school had been closed. There had been no communicants for seven years, and no candidates for confirmation for three or four years.

There was no vestry, no acting churchwarden, and no visiting, and Mr. Pigott would not speak to his people.

The sexton had not been paid his salary for two years.

#### Insulted the Bishop.

Violent altercations between the rector and his parishioners had frequently occurred, and he was even rude to the Bishop when his lordship last visited the parish.

The unpaid sexton described how on Christmas morning he and a small boy composed the congregation. The boy was the choir. When the congregation was larger the sexton took round the offertory plate.

Mr. Pigott's sermons sometimes lasted no longer than one minute. He was out of the pulpit almost as soon as he entered it.

He would stop and laugh or make faces during the services, and did not kneel when he should have done.

The inquiry was adjourned.

### INCOME FROM THE PARKS.

Large Amounts from Chair-letting and Refreshment-Selling.

The Civil Service Estimates for 1905 show that to a small extent the Royal Parks are self-supporting. Licences for letting chairs, boats, and for selling refreshments brought in during the last year £2,910. Venison fees realised £235. The maze at Hampton Court realised £450; various graining rents brought in £945; and timber to the value of £913 was sold.

Of the £2,697,711 required for public works, £2,000 is for casting the statue of "Physical Energy" by the late G. F. Watts, R.A., the model of which has been presented to the nation. The amount to be expended on secret service is the same as last year, £65,000.

### BATTLE OF THE WAYS.

Amusing Right-of-Passage Quarrel Continues  
in Cheshire.

Scenes of considerable excitement were witnessed yesterday at Broadheath, Cheshire, in connection with the "right of way" battle between Mr. Andrew Sparkes, of Dunham, an dthe Linotype Company.

At the break of day a horse and lorry were taken to the road leading to the entrance to the company's works so as to obstruct vehicles approaching the works.

A movement on the left diverted the blockaders' attention and enabled an invading party to deliver a frontal attack on the chain, which was severed in seven pieces.

Mr. Sparkes then drew a second lorry across the road, but his position was not yet secure. Some carters found a by-road which debouched on to the road between the works and his fortifications.

As this also belonged to Mr. Sparkes, he saved his flank by barricading the thoroughfare.

#### LIBERAL FOR WESTMORLAND.

The result of the polling for North Westmorland was declared yesterday as follows:—

Leif Jones (L.) ..... 2,922

Major Noble (C.) ..... 2,702

Liberal majority ..... 220

The Liberal majority of 1900 has been reduced by 359.

### FIVE WIVES.

Amazing Passion for Bigamy Alleged  
Against an Engineer.

Man, it is alleged, of many marriages, Frederick Woolfries appeared again before the Belfast magistrates yesterday.

Though counsel at the last hearing foreshadowed four or five cases against him, it is understood a sixth has been discovered, only two charges were preferred against him.

Looking attractive, in spite of her tears, Miss Annie Gamble, Woolfries's wife at Belfast, was in court. And another lady, expected to figure prominently in the case, came from Liverpool in the garb of a nurse.

For a time the two talked together, but the conversation came to an end with a burst of tears from Miss Gamble.

Counsel, opening the case, put in the name of Miss Anna Betts as Woolfries's lawful wife, married in December, 1898. While she was still alive, he married Miss Boulster in August, 1901. While both were alive, he married Miss Annie Gamble in Belfast about sixteen months later.

Then the nurse, Jane Blawe, stated that she was present as a witness at the marriage to Miss Betts, who was still alive.

Woolfries asked the witness if she was quite sure. When she assured him she was, he said, under his breath: "That's awkward!"

Frambling and agitated, Miss Annie Gamble next stepped into the box, and told of her marriage with the prisoner. She had to leave him, she said, in five months, owing to his bad character.

Woolfries was remanded for a week.

### THE KING'S BARGAIN.

His Majesty's Quick Eye Picks Out the Only  
Chance at a Sale.

The King was fortunate in securing almost the only bargain at the sale of garden ornaments at Willis's Rooms yesterday.

His Majesty has a very keen eye for things of this sort, and when he paid a visit to the sale on Thursday, he quickly singled out a fine pair of lead Adams vases, which fetched the comparatively small sum of £47—about half their real value.

They are of an exceedingly graceful oval shape, decorated with classical subjects in relief. They stand about 2ft. 8in. high. Several other curios were also bid for on behalf of the King.

There was a very aristocratic gathering at the sale, and the bidders included Lady Tweeddale, Lady Essex, Lady Alington, and Lord Helmsley.

But prices ruled very high; too high for these titled purses, and nearly all the ladies went away disappointed. There was a great run on marble and stone garden seats, which, as one peer remarked: "Look very nice, but are uncommon cold to sit on."

### MODERN KING LEAR.

Pitiable Condition of an Old Man Who Gave  
All to His Daughter.

The story of King Lear has been repeated in humble life in the experiences of Adam Ferguson, a C. Down farmer, at the age of eighty-eight. He has brought a suit to set aside a deed of assignment made in 1902 to his daughter Lucinda and her husband, Robert Calder.

This provided that, in return for the farm which he assigned to them, they should pay his debts and maintain himself and his wife.

The Master of the Rolls, who heard the case, said the deed was an absolute assignment, and should stand, but since its execution, said the Judge, a scandalous and disgraceful state of affairs had arisen. He was much touched by the venerable and pathetic old figure of the plaintiff.

Calder, who was a carpenter, had brought his bench into plaintiff's dining-room, and turned the old couple into the kitchen. They were subjected to cold and discomfort, and the old woman had to get up at night and wrap clothing round the old man's limbs to keep him alive.

The daughter refused the old people a fire. While upholding the deed the Master of the Rolls spoke of the inadequacy of the courts to deal with a case of this kind.

#### WHY MR. WYNDHAM IS ILL.

"The number of cigarettes consumed by Mr. Wyndham in the course of twenty-four hours is reputedly phenomenal," says a writer in a Yorkshire paper, in remarking that the Irish Chief Secretary's nervous breakdown is due partly to the recent sensational "devolution" disclosures, and partly to undue devotion to "My Lady Nicotine."

#### PEER AS PUBLICAN.

Lord Kenyon told the Wrexham licensed victuallers at his dinner that he is a publican himself.

He has a public-house near the entrance to Kenyon Hall, his Lancashire residence.



## PROBLEM FOR A LADY IN LOVE.

Is a Row of Houses Better Than  
a Musician?

## CURIOUS SLANDER ACTION.

If you were a girl, would you rather have  
—a row of houses, or a musician?

A young lady, as charming in appearance as she was decided in manner, stood up in the witness-box of King's Bench Court VII. yesterday, and said that she preferred the musician.

"Mother offered to give me a row of houses," she said, "if I would give up Mr. Richards. But of course—(here the young lady's eyes flashed with indignation)—I would not take that bribe!" Miss Mabel Leest—that is the above heroine's name—lives at Balham, and she made the acquaintance of Mr. Frank Alfred Richards, the musician, under particularly romantic circumstances. Mr. Richards sells musical instruments at his Balham shop. In 1901 he held dancing-classes in the room above.

Miss Leest came to learn dancing. While she was doing so, she also learnt to love Mr. Richards.

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But, alas! when she mentioned her love, and the fact that it had resulted in an engagement, to her mother, Mrs. Sarah Anne Leest, that lady—without any grounds for doing so, it is averred—said "Mr. Richards is a married man, and has a family."

Not content with saying this in the drawing-room, Mrs. Leest said it from her bedroom window to her daughter in the street below, loud enough to interest passers-by. That is what her daughter says.

As a result of this unpleasantness, the engagement was broken off, but Miss Leest still remained friends with her lover, and until this day is helping him to run his business.

The disappointed lover has sued Mrs. Leest for slander. It was in support of his case that Miss Leest went into the witness-box yesterday.

Tears filled her beautiful eyes as she told how her mother met her at the front door when she sought a reconciliation—she had beaten a retreat from home—and said: "Go back to your married man." The tears changed to sobs when she described how her mother "jeered at her."

"Are You Fond of Your Mother?"

"Your mother jeered," said counsel. "What did she say when she jeered?"

But Miss Leest's emotion did not allow her to answer, although she made several attempts to do so.

Mr. Kemp, K.C. (beginning his cross-examination in the tones of a stern grandfather): Are you fond of your mother?

Miss Leest: I can't say—(sob)—I am—(sob)—She has never—allowed me to be. (Sobs.)

Indignation made the musician's voice quiver as he denied, from the witness-box, the imputation that he "is a married man with a family." There is not the slightest foundation for such an assertion, he declared.

It was stated in the course of the hearing that there are a number of amateur detectives at Balham.

The case was adjourned.

## "I SHALL BE SNUBBED."

Erring Wife's Curious Appeal to Her  
Husband—£500 Damages.

Remember I am still your wife. For God's sake withdraw your claim for damages. My position will be awful. Can't you see how I shall be snubbed? I am not a bad woman.

This was the piteous letter Mrs. Arthur Schmidt wrote to her husband, a commercial traveller, after he had proof of her misconduct with Mr. Alban Bradgate, another commercial traveller, against whom £500 damages were given yesterday in the Divorce Court, when Mr. Schmidt obtained a decree nisi.

## BRAINS ILL-PAID.

How the Admiralty Discourages Its  
Clever Sailors.

Great dissatisfaction exists in the Navy at the small pay given to capable men who have distinguished themselves in the service.

The gunnery officer on H.M.S. Drake, who invented the gun-sights which were recently sent and approved by his Majesty, was permitted to equip twelve ships with them at his own expense.

He received the customary reward of a letter of thanks from the Admiralty.

L. P. Hollinghurst, the gun-layer who made the world's record for naval target-shooting—seven hits out of ten shots—has not received one penny increase for his months of hard work and careful study. His pay is 2s. 7d. per day, or, roughly speaking, £3 17s. 6d. per month.

This wage is 12s. 6d. per month less than that paid to a deck swabber on an Atlantic liner.

On this small amount Hollinghurst has to pay his mess subscription and keep his wife. Small wonder if he retires disgusted when his time is up three years hence.

Chief-armourer Ewell, who was considered by Rear-Admiral Scott and other naval officers of high rank to be one of the cleverest workmen in the British Navy, has recently left the service at the age of thirty-eight, and entered that of Messrs. Armstrong.

He was the inventor of a rifle-holder for the 6-inch gun, and a sight-holder for the telescope of the same-sized gun.

## APPLEBY ELECTION.



Mr. Leif Jones, who has just been returned as Liberal member for Appleby, with a majority of 220.

## NURSE AT MONTE CARLO.

Story of £1,000 Won by Gambling in  
a Single Year.

"Nurse's lucky year," was the outstanding phrase in the cross-examination of Miss Elizabeth Stone in the Official Referee's Court yesterday, when the inquiry into the mysterious financial circumstances of Mrs. Fletcher, her former mistress, was continued.

There was a dramatic scene at one point. Witness and Mrs. Fletcher were sitting opposite one another, and Mr. Atkin, counsel for the trustee who is seeking to recover money and goods for Mrs. Fletcher's creditors, complained that Mrs. Fletcher was continually prompting Miss Stone.

"I was saying something to myself," declared Mrs. Fletcher indignantly, and she swept out of court.

Miss Stone declared that her loans to Mrs. Fletcher had been genuine investment of savings and money won at Monte Carlo.

In 1902, her "lucky year," she won £1,000. The case was adjourned till Monday.

## TRACED BY A FOOTMARK.

Betrayed by dirty feet, Patrick McManus, a ten-year-old boy, was sentenced at Glasgow yesterday to five years' detention in a reformatory for daring burglaries in different parts of the city.

The policeman who arrested him was just giving up the search when he noticed footmarks on a newly-washed doorstep, and following them found the boy with a bag of booty.

## LIFE LOST FOR A CAP.

His cap having blown off, Henry Adams, a Battersea painter, whilst working on the leads of a two-storey house, tried to recover it, but over-balanced and fell forty feet. He was picked up dead.

At the inquest at Westminster yesterday a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

## IRISHMEN AT LAW.

Faithless Lover Invokes "Bad Luck  
to Ballybunnon."

## SINGULAR ACTION.

An Irishman's letter was read before an audience of Irishmen and Irishwomen in Mr. Justice Darling's court yesterday. It was as follows:—

Dear ————, I don't feel at all happy sometimes. I long to see you and have a talk with you. I give way to fits of loneliness, and while in that state am miserable.

I think of the past, and that past accuses me of committing a wrong that I can never make right. Ah, it is a sad thought!

You were to blame for a good share of that unhappy business. Bad luck to Ballybunnon! Bad luck to the Cronins! They brought me to do what caused me hours of sadness, and if you had only been obedient to me miles would not be between us to-day.

I have an obstinate and disagreeable way that would make anyone angry and miserable, and you made me that I am not able to write to-day. I am so depressed and mournful.

I have been asking to you, but not intentionally. I would make amends for it now if I had the opportunity. I may have that opportunity yet.

At present I shall say no more. I often think of my poor little ————, and will always. My prayers and good wishes will always be for you. I hope you are happier than I am. Write me a letter sooner.

With love,  
MICHAEL.

"Poor little ————" is the young lady who brought a breach of promise action against Mr. Michael McCarthy.

Mr. McCarthy married someone else in 1898, and it was three years after his marriage that he wrote the above letter to "poor little ————."

When Mr. Duke, K.C., read the letter, he refrained from reading the name of the damsel who brought the breach of promise action.

Inevitable "Bull."

This case, which was settled, is connected in a peculiar way with the case that Judge and jury are now trying. Mr. Michael McCarthy, the writer of the letter, is claiming damages for "maintenance" or "interference in other people's business" against a fellow "Irishman in London," a gentleman named Kennedy, who is asserted to have officiously instigated "poor little ————" to bring her action.

One of the witnesses who gave evidence explained some of the references in the letter. He said that Ballybunnon is the place where Mrs. McCarthy used to live. The witness did not think the letter a proper one for a married man to write.

As defendant and plaintiff and most of the witnesses are Irishmen, it was inevitable that at least one "bull" should ornament yesterday's proceedings.

The "bull" came when a witness said that he saw more of Mr. Kennedy than Mr. Kennedy saw of him.

Mr. Justice Darling ably demonstrated that humour is not an Irish monopoly. His best jokes were:

"Judges are sometimes wrong."

"Irishmen do not usually object to landlords taking tea with their tenants. Landlords are usually blamed for being 'absentees.'"

But his Lordship did not pronounce this word "absent teas."

The case was adjourned.

## CHANGING WIVES.

Remarkable Marital Relations Revealed in  
a Wife's Application.

Strange marital relations were revealed in a case before the Ilkesham magistrate, when Mrs. Mary Ann Birch applied for a separation order against her husband, a pawnbroker, on the ground of cruelty and desertion.

Man and wife for fifteen years, and having two children, Mr. and Mrs. Birch's differences became acute about six months ago, when Mrs. Birch met Mr. Whitfield, and Mrs. Whitfield met Mr. Birch.

The husbands had known each other before, and, according to Mrs. Birch, they changed wives. The magistrates refused the application.

## KILLED AFTER PLAY.

A verdict of Wilful Murder and Suicide was returned by a Poplar coroner's jury yesterday in the case of James Stewart McGrath, who cut his little boy's throat and then took his own life.

The father, who had been strange in manner since a recent attack of influenza, had been playing tops with the boys, and after a smoke committed the fearful deed.

He was always very fond of his son.

## ABOUT A CUP OF COFFEE.

Because her husband wanted to stop at a Waterloo Bridge stall to have a cup of coffee Mrs. Constance Appleyard became bad tempered and walked on.

Yesterday at Bow-street she was charged with attempting to commit suicide from Waterloo Bridge, but the case was dismissed.

TL's husband, a solicitor, appeared for her.

## WISDOM IN LAZINESS.

Dangers of Working Too Hard, Too  
Fast, or Too Long.

"A doctor in full employment is probably the hardest-worked of civilised men," says the "Lancet."

Gout and diabetes, diseases frequently ascribed to worry and exhaustion, kill three doctors for one layman.

The remark is made in connection with the recent death of a journeyman baker from heart failure, after working persistently ninety-eight hours a week.

What is overwork? The first Lord Truro was not the only lawyer who could sit up over briefs and papers till three in the morning and be ready for the next day's work at six. But at seventy-three he became an invalid, and died at seventy-five.

The spurt of a tired man will "take more out of him" than sustained efforts more deliberately accomplished, says the writer in the "Lancet," and insufficiency of sleep may prove as deadly as active over-exertion.

## Never Worried About Patients.

It is not every doctor who can say, like Sir William Jenner, "I don't think that anxiety about a patient ever kept me awake for five minutes in my life. I go to the bedside. I do my best. What more can I do? Why should I not sleep?"

Sir Andrew Clark used to tell his patients that "Nature never forgets and seldom forgives," and the worker should therefore endeavour to balance effort, quickness, and duration, the three elements of work, so that the minimum of fatigue may accrue.

Lord Palmerston used to insist that he should on no account be disturbed for eight hours after his return from the House of Commons.

The more quickly a man has to work the greater his need of sleep. There is no reason why one should not labour to the full limit of his powers throughout a long life and enjoy a healthy and happy old age. But the limit must not be exceeded.

Probably the majority of men are under no temptation. Those who work as hard as they can and as long as they can and as fast as they can are scarce.

## GREAT ENGLISH CAVES.

Magnificent Palace of Stalactites Found in the  
Depths of Somersetshire.

"The wildest and most magnificent cavern in Britain" has just been discovered at the top of Mendip, Somersetshire, nearly 1,000ft. above the sea.

The explorers had a most exciting journey through chasms and pools to reach this remarkable retreat. Swift flowing water jeopardised their safety. Often they clung to the side of the walls, with the roar of torrents below them, and, to add to the weirdness of the scene, shreds of magnesium ribbon dropped into the pool, lighting up, to quote a description of one eye-witness, such a turmoil of waters as one might see in some gigantic turbine, going at full speed.

The explorers were well rewarded. They came upon marvellous grottoes and corridors, in which drapings of stalagmite glittered with ever-changing radiance.

## JUDGE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND.

The charge against Graeme Hunter and Gavin Cowper of defrauding working men by means of an advertisement to the effect that they were in a position to guarantee them situations in Canada, was dismissed yesterday in Glasgow.

The Lord Justice Clerk said that he could not understand the motive which the accused could have had in sending out emigrants in terms of the charge against them, as they lost £22 over the transaction.

"We have to do things cheaply here—a sort of 6d. bazaar," said Judge Edge yesterday, in discussing a question of costs with counsel at Clerkenwell County Court.



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## NIGHT THOUGHTS OF EVAN ROBERTS.

Striking Diary of the Welsh Apostle's  
Week of Silence.

### TOUR TO PALESTINE.

Mr. Evan Roberts, the Welsh revivalist, has broken silence after seven days' total abstinence from speech, which he had imposed upon himself at the bidding of the Spirit, as he believed.

"It has been a hard week," said Mr. Roberts to a privileged interviewer, "but I felt it had to be gone through." Then he produced his memorandum-book, which told the story of the seven days' silence and the incidents that led up to his resolve.

Under "Thursday" was written the following instruction, copied from a letter to Miss Annie Davies:—

"There is no one except yourself to see for the next seven days—not even my father and mother. I am not ill. Tell Mary to inform Dan (his brother) not to trouble, for it is the Lord's will. I cannot see Mary or Maggie, only Annie."

#### Mingled Voices.

Tuesday's entries contained a record to the effect that a voice spoke in Welsh and in English. It was not an impression, but a voice.

Wednesday's entry included a beautiful passage: "This perpetual watching fills my sky with dark clouds—hovering and weary on their way to the West—a seven days' journey. It is always a seven days' journey to perpetual rest. Life is only a seven days' journey."

On another page of the book Mr. Roberts had written: "Let my conversation be such as could be printed and read by the public without raising a blush upon my cheek. Live a practical life—a life of faith, so that if I leave Wales without a penny in my pocket I shall be satisfied."

#### Yearning for Palestine.

The following are culled from the diary:—

I have been very near to God this afternoon—so near as to make me sweat.

I want to go to Palestine, and if it is the Lord's will I shall go.

I should like to walk on the slopes of Calvary and think of the Blessed Saviour while he wended his way with heavy-laden steps to its summit.

I have a mind to shout: "Three cheers for Jesus."

A lady has written offering to give me £20 towards a trip to Palestine.

This was two days after he had written his wish to go.

Mr. Roberts believes that the reason why the Spirit imposed the week of silence upon him was to administer a lesson in obedience.

### MORE TO PAY.

Revaluation of London Property Will Lead to Higher Rents.

House and land property in London and suburbs is now undergoing the revaluation which takes place once every five years.

The rating authorities demand the assistance of the householder in the matter, and he, while supplying the information required, asks himself sadly, "Are rents going up?"

"Every five years shows a marked increase in the total value of London real estate," said a leading estate agent to the *Daily Mirror*, "and consequently a large increase in the revenue derivable from the rates."

"The tendency throughout the metropolis is for rents to rise. It is mainly the result of what, I believe, is called municipal enterprise. Somebody must pay, you know."

### DANGERS OF TINNED MILK.

Causes of the Extraordinarily High Death-rate in a London Borough.

In his report as medical officer of health for Finsbury, Dr. G. Newman blames the use of condensed milk for the very high rate of infant mortality in the borough.

For the whole of London the death-rate is 16.7 per 1,000; in Finsbury it is 22.0. A fourth of the deaths in Finsbury were those of infants under twelve months.

The density of houses per acre is 8.1 in London generally; in Finsbury it is 19.1, and a great many of the houses contain a number of tenements. He blames this overcrowding also for the high mortality, since 34,516 persons dwell in single-room tenements, and 31,482 in two-room tenements.

## INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

Liverpool achieved its lowest death-rate on record last week, the figures standing at 16.4 per 1,000.

To evade arrest on charges of fraud, a commercial traveller named James William Foster, of Bagderidge Wood, near Sedgley, sought refuge in a foul-house.

Judge Mansel-Jones has hazarded the opinion that a white hat with feathers, costing £2 7s. 6d., is not necessary for the wife of a Sheffield forgerman earning £2 10s. per week.

"Poorer than Lazarus" was the description a Wakefield bankrupt gave to the Court of a farm he had just given up. He had also tried his hand at lodging-house-keeping at Blackpool.

Thirsty laundresses apparently abound in the Wallasey district of Cheshire. Out of ninety-four females proceeded against for drunkenness in twelve months ninety were laundresses or charwomen.

Mr. Plunket Greene found at a Leeds concert that he was engaged in a duet with an electric fan. He imagined that he was singing a solo, and the fan refused to keep in tune Mr. Greene requested that he might be allowed to continue alone.

Newcastle magistrates yesterday granted the Northumberland Public-house Trust Company, permission to open a house close to the Elswick works of Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., at 5.45 a.m. Only temperance drinks will be sold.

For five weeks a Preston woman hid the fact from the health authorities that she was suffering from smallpox. Ten other people were attacked with the disease in consequence. Yesterday the woman was fined, her action being described by the Bench as wicked.

Five thousand pints of brandy, said a doctor, must have been taken in thirteen or fourteen years by the wife of a St. Leonards chemist on whom an inquest was held.

"When I think of the gangrene and dry rot which are eating their way into many of the churches of this country," exclaims the Rev. F. B. Meyer, "I cry aloud God help us."

Leases of several West End clubs situate on Crown lands will, it is said, on expiry be only renewed on such heavily-increased rents as to necessitate higher subscriptions being levied.

Manchester police sustained their first prosecution under the new by-law forbidding expectoration in public places. The defendant was a beer retailer, and he was fined 2s. 6d. and costs for spitting in a tramcar.

Deeply touched by the sympathetic message sent by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Sir Henry Irving says he is already looking forward to the visit his illness has delayed, and hopes to accept the invitation to the town hall.

Whilst congratulating the National Union of Teachers on their splendid victory over the non-whippers of Aberdare, a retired schoolmistress writes to a South Wales paper to urge the use of the birch for girls. Women teachers, she says, have not hitherto had fair play.

Much surprised was an Egremont (Cumberland) shopman to find in the middle of a cheese glass tube containing a letter from the manufacturer, a Canadian. The message explained that the writer was only seventeen, and that that was his first season with a factory on his own account. He invited opinions on his produce.

### ENTHRONEMENT OF THE NEW BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM.



With much impressive and picturesque ceremony Dr. Gore, the former Bishop of Worcester, has just been enthroned as the first Bishop of Birmingham. This photograph shows some of the bishops and clergy passing in procession to the pro-cathedral of St. Philip's Church, Birmingham, where the ceremony was performed.

On the banks of the Wear, near Finchale Abbey, a fine otter has been caught.

There is a house famine in the Rhymney, South Wales, district. Instances are quoted by the medical officer of from six to twelve persons sleeping in one divided room.

The unusual spectacle of a gipsy camp ablaze was witnessed at Pennygilliam, Lancashire. A tent and a van were completely destroyed, the damage being estimated at £100.

Hurled backwards by a sudden gust of wind which blew open a granary door at a South Farnham farm just as he was about to enter, an old Essex labourer named John Beaumont met with fatal injuries.

Bromham Churchyard, near Devizes, is the last resting-place of Thomas Moore, the Irish poet. The rector and curate of the parish are to be asked to sanction exhumation in order that the remains may be transferred to Glasnevin Cemetery, in Dublin.

Gruesome relics of Napoleon are to be sold at Christie's next week. They include the bronze death mask of the Emperor, taken from a plaster cast of his face at St. Helena; a lock of his hair, cut off after death; a piece of the plank from which his coffin was made, and a part of the actual coffin.

Reclamation of Scotton Common, about 1,000 acres in extent, in the Trent valley, Lincolnshire, is now being attempted. A main drain a mile in length has been dug at right angles to the river, and when the tides are admitted the warp-laden water is forced over the land. The mud thus deposited raises the level.

So ill was a French seaman named Adolphe le Franc during a voyage to Glasgow that he died from seasickness as his vessel was passing Holyhead.

Burglars in the Snowdon district have actually broken into huts belonging to workmen employed on the new light railway. Two men have been remanded at Bangor.

From Bangor comes a mournful note about the revival in Wales. A schoolmaster says the children in that town have been so affected by the movement that the cane is no longer required in the schools.

The new alloy called invar, consisting of steel mixed with about 36 per cent. of nickel, has been recently adopted with much success by watch-makers for making balances in the majority of their best timepieces.

On eight successive nights a South Devon farmer named Perring has, so he says, seen a sacred vision, and he declares his belief that he has been called to do for England what Mr. Evan Roberts is doing for Wales.

Nether Alderley boys' day-school, one of the oldest in Cheshire, is to be closed. A part of it was built in 1628, whilst in 1817 the late Bishop Stanley, brother of the first Lord Stanley of Alderley, erected another portion.

Penny-in-the-slot railway tickets are the latest. The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company have inaugurated this novel departure outside their Chapel-street station at Southport. Tickets to St. Luke's only may be booked by this means, but if the experiment is successful other stations will be included.

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Descriptions of the Principal  
Photographs in To-day's  
"Daily Mirror."

### ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

#### KUROKI AT HOME.

On pages 8-9 we give an excellent "at home" portrait of the redoubtable Japanese General, Kuroki, who is now driving back the Russian left on the Sha-ho with such relentless energy.

He looks anything but warlike in the midst of his family, and clothed in the picturesque, glorified dressing-gown which is the national garb of his race; but he is a real fighter in the field, and has been many times entrusted with the burden and honour of the fierce engagements of the main Japanese army in Manchuria.

Kuroki is sixty-two years of age, and one of the hereditary class of warriors, like most of the other Japanese military leaders. Before the present war he had already achieved a great reputation by the work he accomplished during the war with China in 1895.

His entry into Manchuria was his first achievement during the present campaign. He succeeded in crossing the river Yalu in face of the enemy, upon whom he inflicted a crushing defeat, capturing many guns and prisoners. Since then, with the ever-victorious First Japanese Army, he has steadily advanced, until now he is threatening to cut off Kuropatkin's force from its supplies and line of retreat, unless the Russian General decides to make a speedy movement to the rear.

#### VETERAN FIREMAN.

Superintendent John Blyth, whose portrait will be found on page 8, is believed to have attended in his official capacity at a greater number of fire outbreaks than any other living person.

For thirty-six years he has been a fireman in the London Fire Brigade and the London Salvage Corps, and during the whole of that long period has been at practically every big fire that has broken out in the metropolis.

After his long service Superintendent Blyth has just retired from active service.

#### SPRING AT THE "ZOO."

A curious picture of one of the signs of the advent of spring at the Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park appears on page 8.

It shows a pair of antlers just shed by one of the deer, with the animal to which they so lately belonged. Deer shed their antlers every year, and each new growth is larger than the last. For some time after they have got rid of their old pairs of antlers the animals are in a very irritable condition and are often dangerous to approach.

#### KING CARNIVAL AT NICE.

The people of Nice have expended a vast amount of inventive and constructive ingenuity on novelties for this year's carnival.

One of their most notable achievements is to be seen in the photograph on pages 8-9. It is a great dragon, constructed of canvas and pasteboard, with accommodation within its capacious jaws for a complete band, which discoursed sweet music during the monster's progress through the town.

#### DR. W. G. GRACE'S SON DEAD.

Mr. W. G. Grace, the son of the famous veteran of cricket, has just died suddenly at East Cotes after an operation.

Mr. Grace, whose portrait is reproduced on page 8, had been on the teaching staff of the Royal College at Osborne ever since the opening of that institution.

The son of the best-known cricketer of his time, Mr. Grace was himself a cricketer of parts, and had played for Cambridge University, Gloucestershire, London County, and the Gentlemen of England.

#### CLEANING THE HOTEL CECIL.

After a short time the show-buildings of London all take on a uniform dusky hue, due considerably to dirt from their beauty. Hitherto, there has been no real attempt to remedy this state of affairs, except in one or two instances, where washing with water made matters rather worse than better.

But now there is a method which can make even the most smoke-begrimed stone frontage look as good as new in a very short while. What the apparatus looks like our photograph on page 8 will show. It was taken while the Cecil was being cleaned yesterday.

The stone is cleaned by a sand-blast, which entirely removes every trace of dirt, and practically gives the stone a new surface.

#### PENNY POSTAGE IN FRANCE.

There are five countries in Europe which have not yet adopted penny postage—France, Russia, Italy, Greece, and Turkey.

M. Rouvier, Minister of Finance, has declared his intention of placing before the French Chamber a plan for the reduction of what the French call the "letter-tax," to take effect on October 1.



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## THE GREAT GOD FUSS.

WHILE the taxpayer heaves a sigh of relief at the reduction of the cost of the Navy by three millions, there is a distinct tendency on the part of the naval experts to shake their heads.

We published yesterday a grumble by one of these ever-anxious critics about the ships which our First Sea Lord has knocked off the active list; and to-day we print the same exceptionally well-informed correspondent's view that the Admiralty might still give us more for our money. It is important that the public should have such opinions laid before it; but at the same time our own strong feeling is that Admiral Fisher may safely be trusted to keep the Navy up to a secure and efficient standard.

Only last October his return to the Admiralty was hailed by everyone as a certain sign that the senior service would be vastly improved and strengthened. That his process of strengthening involved the lopping-off of useless branches surprised nobody, and, surely, if we give a wide responsibility to a man in whom we have full confidence, we must allow him to decide such questions as what ships we can do without and how many we need to build in order to keep our fleets up to their necessary numbers.

We only hope the money saved by the Admiralty will not be wasted elsewhere. It is something to be grateful for that one Government Office is under the thumb of a good man of business. But what is one amongst so many? Not until we have administrators with no nonsense about them in every public department shall we really be able to reduce our national expenditure to a reasonable sum.

Every item ought to be examined with a coldly critical eye, and all useless items ruthlessly struck out. Here is one example of uselessness. We spend £8,000 a year upon offices and officials connected with "Honours and Dignities." They are really nothing but temples and acolytes of the great god Fuss.

## THE PEERAGE & THE STAGE.

The list of characters in the new play at the Haymarket Theatre suggests a curious reflection. It is an adaptation from a French play of middle-class life, but it has been thought necessary (no doubt quite wisely) to turn the characters in the English version into members of the aristocracy.

This, of course, is common enough. Scarcely a play gets itself produced on our stage in which some of the characters do not have handles to their names. The scene is almost always laid in what the French call "highlife."

What is curious is that this tendency of plays is no longer observable in novels, except those which appeal to the least intellectual class of readers. There was a time when novelists found it a paying game to fill their books with dukes and earls and baronets. Nowadays it is almost rare to find in the average novel any but quite ordinary folk.

What is the conclusion to be drawn? Can it be that novels now appeal to a more intelligent class than formerly, and that the stage lags behind? Will the playwright some day rise above relying on the glamour of the peerage as the novelist has done? We commend the subject to the theatrical debating clubs. It ought to raise an interesting discussion.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

There is something strange and unintelligible in the anxiety of a pretended rationalism to get rid of the inspiring God, to exclude the possible encroachment of anything Divine.—James Martineau.

# THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

IF Mr. Alan Burgoyne wins his election at King's Lynn, Mr. Winston Churchill and the other "marvellous boys" of the House of Commons will have a serious rival. Mr. Burgoyne had travelled round the world before he came of age. He had also walked across Japan, penetrated into the centre of China, and become perfectly familiar with the remotest corners of Manchuria. He therefore knows all about the scene of the war, and was, indeed, caught by a party of Russians near Port Arthur and imprisoned for a week in a Russian fortress, so he knows a good deal about the Russians, too.

It would take far too long to enumerate the other exotic places and people studied by Mr. Burgoyne.

It is enough to say that he has been everywhere—even to Oxford. There he woke up the somnolent dons and wardens by refusing to study anything in the ordinary university curriculum. He announced his intention of studying one subject only, something thoroughly up-to-date—the subject of submarines. The dons were terribly alarmed, and drew pictures at college meetings of Mr. Burgoyne blowing up on the Isis, in the prosecution of his submarine, or rather sublavial, studies. But the young man carried his point, and produced a great book on submarines during his stay at Oxford.

One is getting a little sceptical about musical prodigies, but it seems that Mischa Elman, the

child violinist, who is to appear at the Queen's Hall on March 21, is really a wonderful genius. At least he has had the typical genius's attributes—poor parents, who have slaved to get him educated, and a faculty of playing by ear and by instinct, like Mozart, and Paganini, and Liszt. He played once before Auer, Sarasate, and Brodsky, and astonished them by his precocity. Finally, at St. Petersburg, a place difficult to please, he delighted the Grand Dukes Vladimir and Alexis, who promised him that he should play at one of the Tsar's private concerts.

The exhibition of M. Emile Fuchs's portraits and studies which has just opened at the Grafton Galleries ought to prove a great attraction to the social, if not to the artistic world. For Mr. Fuchs has painted an astonishing number of society celebrities, and nearly all who go to the Grafton Galleries will see some friend upon the walls. The artist's most celebrated portrait is no doubt the one he painted of King Edward, who presented it to the German Emperor. M. Fuchs also had the honour of designing the new coinage and stamps when Queen Victoria died.

Some people asserted, when the new coins were first issued, that in past days artists had had penal servitude for painting better portraits of the Sovereign. But they forget how especially difficult it is for an artist to get a sufficient number of sittings from the King. His Majesty can only sit five or six times, and during the sittings he is generally occupied in reading papers, dictating letters to a secretary, or talking to friends. It is hard to get an exact likeness under such circumstances. However, the King was extremely pleased with M. Fuchs's efforts, and commissions poured in upon him as a result of royal favour.

Music-hall managers ought to be delighted to hear that Miss Marie Lloyd is now very much better, for she is one of the few certain "draws" who relieve the monotony of acrobats, performing animals, and people trying to imitate well-known actors—those familiar items of a variety entertainment. Miss Lloyd is an energetic person, and travels about, at a very big salary, to the music-halls all over England. She was visiting Liverpool once at the same time as Sir Henry Irving, and the two stars of such very different firmaments met in an embarrassing way.

Miss Lloyd had heard that an old friend of hers, Mr. Joe Elvin, was staying at a large hotel in the town, and she called there to see him. After she had sent her name up, however, the hall porter returned and said: "I'm very sorry, but he says he hasn't the pleasure of your acquaintance." Miss Lloyd thought that her old friend was joking, so she said: "I am going to see him," and forced the reluctant porter to show her into a darkened sitting-room, exclaiming as she entered: "Now, then, Joe, what's the meaning of this?" A tall, thin figure advanced, and a well-known voice demanded coldly: "To what am I indebted for the pleasure of this visit?" The porter had mistaken Irving for Elvin!

Mr. Justice Grantham, who has never got over his appearance before a rural Bench of magistrates on a charge of breaking the building by-laws, and who leaves to-day on a health visit to South Africa, is the plainest-spoken Judge on the Bench. He arrives in court with a benignant smile and a cheerful "Good-day" for the jury. Everybody thinks he is an easy-going, tolerant person, and the accused sigh with relief. Upon the smallest provocation, however, he bursts forth in the frankest of possible comments. He told a farmer once that he was "totally ignorant of his business," whereby he alienated the "agricultural interest." Still more offence was given when, apropos of some wife who refused to obey her husband, he remarked: "Why on earth didn't he box her ears?"

"Never take a cheque from a bookmaker"—that is another of Mr. Justice Grantham's aphorisms. But in spite of his remarkably candid manner of dealing with litigants, he is really a most kind-hearted Judge. Two brothers once fought against one another in his court, after having been friends all their lives. That was too much for the Judge. "Come into my room," he said to the brothers, "and let's see if we can't all shake hands." And he succeeded in making them friends once more. A charming characteristic, too, of his is his love for flowers. There are fresh flowers every morning on his desk, and in the evening, when he leaves the court, he takes them with him to give to the first poor child he may meet.

## IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 3.—It is extraordinary how quickly a plant will grow after frost. The reason is probably that, although the portion of the plant above ground is checked by the cold, the roots remain active. Therefore an unusual amount of energy is stored up, to be liberated when the frost departs. Sweet peas, eschscholtzia, cornflowers, and other very hardy annuals can be sown any day now when the soil is fairly dry. They will produce finer flowers than if sown later. An enthusiast can raise numberless garden flowers from seed. But patience is required in rearing some of them. Hyacinths, daffodils, peonies, will not flower for six or seven years! E. F. T.

## HE SAVED THREE MILLIONS ON THE NAVY.



Admiral Sir John Fisher, First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, whose capable administration has reduced the cost of the Navy for 1905-6 by between three and four millions sterling.

## A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Thomas Gibson Bowles, M.P.

HE has been a very big thorn in the side of the Government for a long time now. He is the most independent member in the House, in spite of the fact that he is supposed to be on the side of the Government.

If King's Lynn has grown tired of him, the Government is in much the same frame of mind, and it is little matter that they will help to fight his battles with his constituents. "Tommy" Bowles can no more help criticising both friends and enemies—political ones, of course—than he can help looking like a sailor.

He has the most witty and biting tongue in the House, and he cannot help using it.

There is hardly anyone, especially his leaders, who has not come under the lash of his tongue. His nickname for Mr. Chamberlain, the "first gentleman of Birmingham," will live for ever; so will his name of the "Hotel Cecil" for the Government. But though he pokes fun at everyone, he takes himself and Parliament, as a whole, very seriously, and the magnificent dignity of his small person is a sight to behold.

He even manages to look dignified when he wears his famous white duck trousers in the summer. Then, too, he is always well and healthy, in spite of the hard work he does. He is usually up by six in the morning, and takes a swinging walk before he settles down to read Blue-books till breakfast-time. When he leaves the House at midnight he walks home as often as not.

One thing about him is certain, and that is that when he is not at work as a politician he is at play as a yachtsman. His nickname of the "Cap'n" was not earned by his white duck trousers alone.

## THE WORLD'S HUMOUR.

Wit from Two Hemispheres.

She: You are very fond of music, are you not?  
He: Yes. But don't stop playing on my account.—"Journal Amusant" (Paris).

"What can we do to improve the present method of dancing?" thundered the parson. "Dancing is merely hugging set to music."  
"We might cut out the music," softly suggested the bad young man.—"Evansville Courier."

He: So you refuse me?  
She: Certainly. I am a member of a club for the Emancipation of Woman. I cannot therefore be yours. But, if you like, you can be mine.—"Fliegende Blätter" (German).

A lawyer remitted in settlement of an account a £1 note, which was returned with the brief statement:—

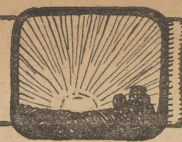
"This note is counterfeit; please send another."  
Two months passed before hearing from the lawyer again, when he apologised for the delay, saying:—

"I have been unable until now to find another counterfeit £1 note, but I hope the one now enclosed will suit, professing at the same time my inability to discover what the objection was to the other, which I thought was as good a counterfeit as ever I saw."—"Birmingham Dart."

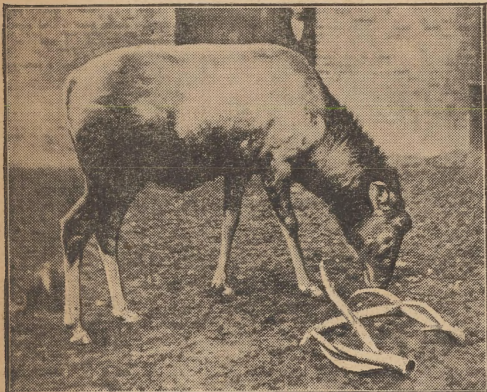




# A. DAY'S · HAPPENINGS ·



## SPRING AT THE "ZOO."



With the coming of spring all the deer at the Zoological Gardens are shedding their antlers. This photograph of the Wapiti deer was taken yesterday.—(Copyright: *Daily Mirror*.)

## "W. G.'s" SON DEAD.



Mr. W. G. Grace, son of the famous cricketer, and himself a fine batsman, who died at Cowes after an operation.

## GRAND PROCESSION AT THE



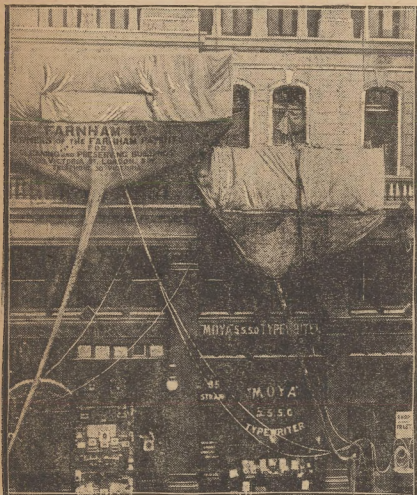
This photograph gives a vivid illustration of the elaborate arrangements made for the procession, which has spent enormous sums on the strange monstrosities.

## RUSSIAN SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN MANCHURIA.



A group of Russians wounded during the recent fighting. The man in the centre was blinded by splinters of stone thrown up by a Japanese shell.

## SAND-BLASTING AT THE HOTEL CECIL.



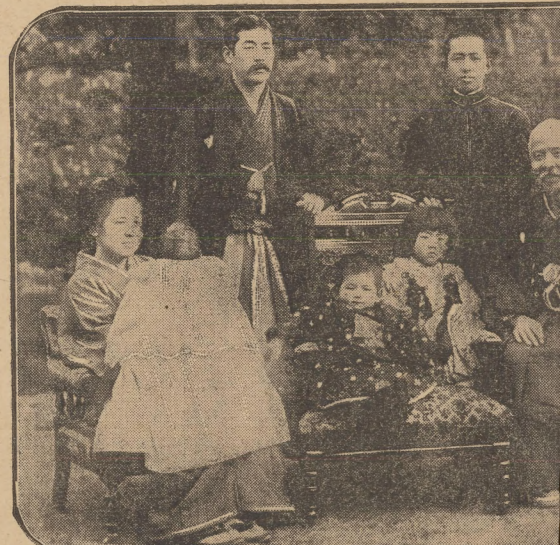
The Strand front of the Hotel Cecil is being cleaned by a novel process. Sand is blown on to the walls and carries all impurities with it down canvas tubes into the street.—(*Daily Mirror* copyright.)

## VETERAN FIRE FIGHTER.



After serving thirty-six years with the London Fire Brigade and the London Salvage Corps, Superintendent John Blyth has now retired.

## GENERAL KUROKI—NOW FIGHTING HARD AGAIN.



The brilliant Japanese general, whose successes during the last few days have been so remarkable, is here sitting with his family in the garden of his house near Tokio. Here he is with his native



# THROUGH MIRROR LENSES

## WEEK'S CARNIVAL AT NICE.



for the grand carnival on the shores of the Mediterranean. The city has street decorations, and illuminations.

## ST THE RUSSIANS—IN HIS FAMILY CIRCLE.



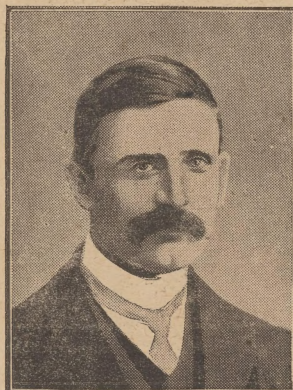
seriously endangered General Kuropatkin's position, is here seen at home to discard Western dress and assume the more familiar costume of his country.

## PRESIDENT'S NEW TERM.



Mr. Roosevelt, who to-day takes the oath at Washington at the inauguration of his second term as President of the United States.

## ALLEGED BIGAMIST.



Frederick Woolfries, alias Russell, who was brought up at Belfast yesterday to answer a charge of having gone through the marriage ceremony with four women.

## HORSE THAT PLAYS CARDS.



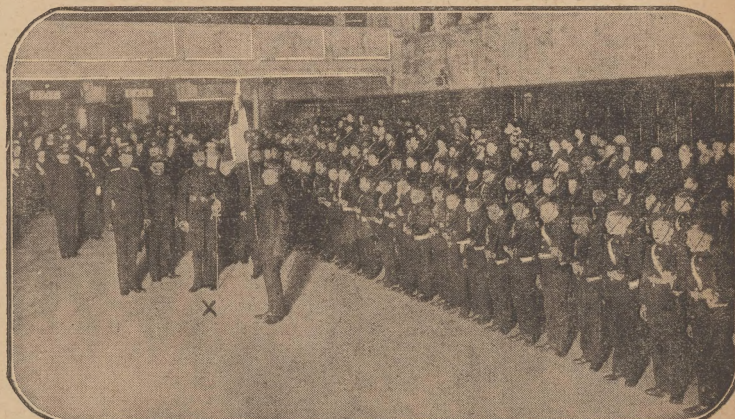
Billy, the wonderful horse now appearing at the Lyceum, does sums in addition, subtraction, and division, tells the time and the value of coins, and plays at "nap."

## "INVINCIBLE JIMMY."



Said to be the smallest donkey in England. Although only thirty-four inches high, it recently covered a mile in five minutes in a match against time at Newport, Mon.

## PRINCE INSPECTS CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.



At the Northern Polytechnic, Holloway, Prince Alexander of Teck, who is indicated in this photograph by a cross, inspected the Church Lads' Brigade, and afterwards watched a display of military drill and gymnastics.—(Daily Mirror copyright.)

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# A LITTLE AMBASSADRESS.

By ALAN SANDERS.

"Come in!"

My office door opened very gently, and a little face I knew well peeped round. In sheer astonishment I dropped my pen.

"Kathleen!" I said. "How in the world did you get down here? You're not by yourself, surely?"

"Oh, no; course Nurse's with me," and the blue eyes smiled at me so sweetly, "but she's gone shopping. I'm not to go till she comes for me."

"But what will mother and auntie say? They'll think you're lost."

"I'm too growed-up to get lost," she said with a dignified little air.

I could not help smiling.

"Now, you little rogue," I said, "when I've helped you off with that pretty blue coat and hat I shall expect to be told why you've honoured me with a visit to the City in business hours."

She settled herself sedately in a chair opposite to me, quite unconscious of the pretty picture she made with her mass of fair hair, and sweet little face.

"It's a most 'portant visit," she said. "I've come to ask you to my party next We'n'sday."

"Indeed? I shall be delighted to come. So that's what brought you down here, is it?"

I had heard great tales about this party, but not from Kathleen. This was evidently her surprise for me.

"Shall I be expected to do anything particular?" I asked.

"You'll have to make-believe all the time, like you always do at our house."

This was certainly a candid statement. I wondered if the rest of the family shared the same view. I hoped not, because I was (as a rule) particularly serious after Kathleen had gone to bed.

"Auntie Merva will be there, of course," I ventured to suggest.

"Course she will," replied Kathleen.

Then she made a tour of the room, came back and resumed her seat, and asked me seriously: "Is this where you play all by yourself in the daytime?"

"Well, yes, I suppose I do."

"Do you keep your toys in those big tin boxes?"

"Well, they're not toys like those in your nursery."

"Do you sit here all by yourself, then?"

I nodded.

"And never feel lonely?"

"Sometimes," I said, smiling in spite of myself at the serious little face.

"I heard Mummie tell Daddy one day you were a lonely man."

"Oh!"

I was certainly hearing some home truths.

"But you won't be lonely when you come to my party, will you?"

"No, dear. I like to come as often as I can to your house," I like to come as often as I can to your house," I spoke the truth.

By this time Kathleen's nurse had returned—I expect she had been waiting outside all the time—and with strict injunctions "not to forget the party next We'n'sday," my little visitor kissed me goodbye, and I tried to settle down to work again.

But a pair of blue eyes would keep dancing in front of me on my blotting-pad. Sometimes I thought they were Kathleen's, and sometimes I thought they were someone else's. Kathleen's

eyes and her Aunt Merva's were strangely alike. I had noticed it before.

The room seemed quite cheerless now she had gone.

In the intervening days the postman left strange notes for me.

Sometimes the missives were stuck together with jujubes, but I had no difficulty in deciphering the signs. They read: "Don't forget the party next We'n'sday." As to the crosses—well, the most ignorant person knows what those mean in a letter.

"We'n'sday" came at last, and, of course, I went to the party. It was a great success. The house was turned upside down by a merry crowd of little folks who kept the fun going until long after they ought to have been in bed.

Kathleen quivered it all very prettily, and after the last little guest had departed and the blue eyes could scarcely keep open, she still persisted that she wasn't a little bit tired, "on'y hungry." That was a subterfuge she was always guilty of at bedtime.

Next day I saw Kathleen in the park, and we discussed the party.

"You were a funny man," she said.

I was glad to know that I had given satisfaction in this direction.

"Did you learn all those stories from piisher books, or were they just make-believe?"

"Both," I said.

"And you didn't cry when you had to go home like little Charlie did, did you?"

I assured her I was able to refrain from weeping.

"And you liked me the best of all the little girls there?"

"Of course, I did."

"Quite sure?" she said coaxingly.

"Quite sure," I repeated.

"Then Mummie was wrong," she said triumphantly.

"How's that?" I asked.

"Well, when Mummie and Auntie Merva came to say, 'Good night,' I heard Auntie say how fond you were of me, and Mummie said, 'Yes, and I know someone else he's very fond of, too, or would be if she'd let him and Auntie went quite funny,' and said: 'Don't be ridiculous, Daisy—Daisy's that Daddy calls Mummie—but Mummie only laughed, and said: 'I don't think you're always kind to him.'"

Kathleen stopped to take breath after this long recital, and then went on: "So after Mummie went downstairs, and Auntie brought me a sweetie 'fore I fell 'sleep, I asked if it was true if you liked some little girl better'n me. Auntie said 'No,' and then I asked her if she wasn't always kind to you. Auntie said, 'P'raps not, sometimes.' Then I said she ought to love you like I did, 'cos you were lonely and had no nice little girl of your own like my Daddy had. Then she stooped down to kiss me, and her cheek was quite wet, just as if she'd been crying. I've never seen Auntie Merva cry before."

There was a serious look in Kathleen's blue eyes.

"What made Auntie Merva cry, do you think?" she asked, quite distressed.

"I think I can guess," I said, and with a full heart I told her the whole of the story.

Kathleen had told me something I wanted to know—something that I have been grateful to her for telling me all my life.

feeling of intense disgust, and almost shame, that he more agreeable he made himself the further he would be from attaining his desire; and to deceive her was not only unpardonable and unjustifiable, but a disloyalty to Joan.

As he sat opposite to Vanna at the little table in the crowded restaurant he grew with every moment more certain that a continuation of his present tactics could only end in disaster.

After dinner he took Vanna into the Rooms, and what had been. He could not see the storm of passion that was seething in her heart; but he saw enough. He saw her eyes grow soft and lustrous; he heard little notes creep into her voice that he knew of old, tender and insinuating, and tremulous with unspoken fancies and desires.

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For the future success of the new plans that he was now making in his masterful mind he was glad that they happened to meet no one he knew.

Vanna won again. She played coolly and without excitement, with all the assurance of knowing herself magnificently in velle.

Always she looked at her and watched the people. Gambling had no attractions whatever for him. But he was not bored because he was turning over in his mind the most important matter of his life.

He accompanied Vanna back to her hotel, and took leave of her at the door, sending a polite message to her daughter. But he said nothing about any future meeting. He meant to leave that to chance. Chance being the god who rules at

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# A MAN IN A MILLION

By CORALIE STANTON and HEATH HOSKEN.

## CHAPTER XLIX.

The best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley.

The man and the girl turned at the sound of swishing skirts behind them, and Tony went forward to greet Vanna.

She was smiling now, and even what she had seen could not prevent the great rush of joy that filled her heart when he clasped her hand and began to chat in his easy, careless way, as if it were the most natural thing in the world that he should come to Monte Carlo to see her.

"I found Miss Tempest out here, admiring the view," he said, as they all three walked back to the open space in front of the Casino. "It's wonderful to find someone who prefers the outside to the inside of the Rooms, isn't it? I hear you have been lucky."

"Rather," Vanna answered lightly. "They say one always is at first. Last time I was here—I didn't play."

A sudden shudder ran through her, and she involuntarily quickened her steps, as if to flee from that memory. For the last time she had been here she had wandered about like a soul in torment, blind to the beauties of the place, heedless of its distractions, her mind riven by torturing thoughts of two men—the one who was dead and the one who had loved and ridden away.

Anthony Heron walked with them to their hotel. "You and your daughter will dine with me to-

night, will you not?" he asked Vanna as he left them.

"We shall be delighted," she answered. "Where are you?"

"At the Hermitage. I will call for you at half-past seven."

"No, please don't trouble," she said quickly. "We will drive round."

When the time came he understood why she had been so eager that he should not call for them. She came by herself.

"Poor Joan has a splitting headache," she said. "She was so disappointed not to be able to come. Poor child, there was nothing for her but to lie down and keep perfectly quiet."

Tony understood, and not only was he enraged, but vastly troubled.

It seemed to him the most difficult position a man could be in; and he knew well enough how often a man's strongest weapons are of no avail against a woman's subtlety. It was quite clear that, whether or no, Vanna was satisfied that he had quite forgotten Joan and she him, she was determined to keep them apart.

He was no coxcomb, in fact, he was singularly free from vanity, considering how the world spoiled him; but he could not help seeing that Vanna's altered attitude, her willingness to receive him as a friend, and her acceptance of the old financial position, did not in any way mean that she had, or would ever, change her mind about his marriage with her daughter, but merely that she still took pie from the company heretofore.

The thought alarmed and revolted him. Despite all the signs that he might have read in London, he had not really grasped it until now.

It made a continuance of his present plan of campaign impossible and utterly useless, for it had, for it's object nothing more or less than the winning over of Vanna to give her formal consent.

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Washington is the gayest city in the world to-day. The installation of President Roosevelt for his second term as President of the United States takes place there, amid scenes of splendour that will cost the United States Treasury a million sterling.

Though President Roosevelt has made a great reputation in America and throughout the world as the "Kaiser" of the States, this is his first formal installation to the Presidency. During his last term he was only interim President, after the assassination of Mr. McKinley.

There will be a series of picturesque processions, including Indians, cowboys, soldiers, students, and school children, with 20,000 of the President's political supporters. There will be a state banquet at the White House, and the day finishes with a ball.

Theodore Roosevelt is America's twenty-sixth and youngest President. He is only forty-seven. In his time he has played many parts. He might be not inaptly styled the Buffalo Bill of politics.

A cowboy he could noose with his lariat the off fore-leg of a running Texan steer. As a big game hunter he could shoot pumas, for lack of tigers, with unerring aim. The Sioux Indians used to say he could sit a broncho with the best of them.

### EARLY START IN POLITICS.

At the age of twenty-four Roosevelt began his political career by being elected to the New York State Parliament. He soon aspired to the mayorship of New York, but as the voters did not sympathise with his ambitions he sought his tent, like Achilles—not, however, to slink, but to write books and bide his time. His countrymen liked his books and so grew to like the writer.

This achieved, he turned off the literary tap and took to public life again, with so much acceptance that he became vice-President, and so President, without election. The assassin's bullet removed Mr. McKinley.

During the past three years, Roosevelt has proved the boldest exponent he has of the stick policy, and has won the confidence of a people that had already begun to aspire after a purer political, judicial, and commercial life.

He has pommelled the big trusts mercilessly from the first, and afforded the world an interesting living example of "The Strenuous Life," which forms the title of one of his books.

Roosevelt is a great family man, and openly champions the patriotism of rearing large families. It is said that the only thing in the world that worries him is a persistent tendency towards getting fat. He walks at six miles an hour. Interviewers have to use bicycles to keep up with him.

In conversation he has an almost fierce habit of showing his big white teeth, but his personal friends are devoted to him, knowing that there is no better-hearted man alive.

## A MAN IN A MILLION.

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Monte Carlo, and being favourable always to the bold, brought about the meeting the next day.

Tony strolled into the Rooms in the afternoon, and the first person he saw in the vestibule was Joan Tempest. She was by herself, and she was hurrying towards the entrance.

In a moment he was by her side, and they exchanged that glance that can say more of joy and more of welcome than a million words.

"Where are you going, Blue Eyes?" Tony asked. "Outside," she said, with a little gasp.

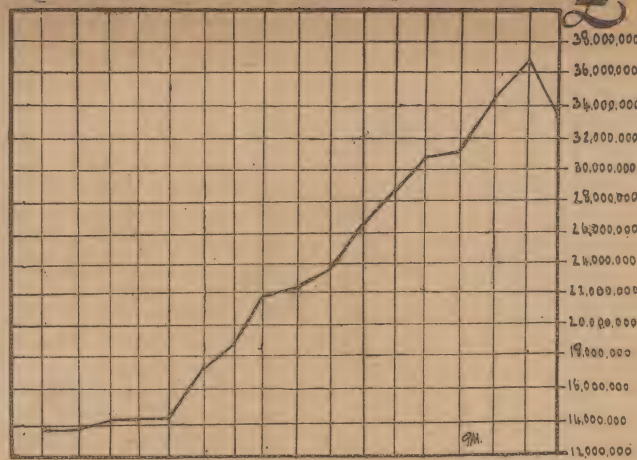
When they had both fresh air she turned to him with a smile of overwhelming relief. "Mother would drag me in," she said. "She won't let me go for a walk by myself. She says I must stay with her while we are here. I do so hate that place. It was only when she was afraid that I would faint that she let me come out, but she said I was just to take a turn or two on the terrace and then go back again."

"I will take a few turns with you," the man said, and smiled rather grimly to himself. He had not the slightest sympathy with Vanna. She had killed in him all pity and all respect. Perhaps it was hard, but certainly it was natural.

"How wonderful it was to meet you!" exclaimed Joan, drinking in great breaths of the crystal-clear air.

"Blue Eyes," he answered, with that wonderful tenderness that no woman had ever heard in his voice but this one, "wherever you wandered over the wide earth, you would meet me, for I will never let you go!"

There were a good many people on the terrace now, and Tony led her into the more sheltered walks. He particularly did not wish to be seen with her by anyone who knew either him or Mrs. Tempest.



A table which shows the rise in expenditure on our Navy since 1889.

## "RASH ECONOMY."

Naval Expert's Criticism of Sir John Fisher's Saving Policy.

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It is clear from the First Lord's statement of the Navy Estimates that the policy inaugurated by Sir John Fisher is going to strike a double blow at our naval position. Not only have several useful ships been condemned and consigned to the Kyles of Bute, but now a reduction in the Estimates is to be effected by "a decreased liability for new construction."

"Build fewer ships and throw away those you have already" is a dangerous game to play, though for a time it may appease the "economists."

Ability to smash the fleets of any two Powers is the standard universally recognised for the British Navy; yet while Germany and the United States have each built fifteen, and France six battleships in the last seven years, England has only built seventeen. While we now have nine ships building, France has five, Germany six, and the United States thirteen. Sir John Fisher's policy of withdrawing large numbers of ships from foreign stations pins the fleet to blockade tactics in war, for if hostile cruisers were to get loose they would play havoc with our commerce. To deal in this manner with the fleet of Germany alone we should require sixty-eight battleships; the new policy has left us with fifty-three. Clearly the present was no time for retrenchment in shipbuilding.

In spite of the fact that we are numerically far short of our needs our expenditure is nearly as

large as that of any three other Powers together. Why cannot we build a larger number of ships? The cost of construction in this country is anything from 10 to 40 per cent. lower than anywhere else.

If the new head of the Admiralty were a genius—or even a level-headed business man—he would have done it.

Some money has been saved by discarding ships instead of repairing their defects. Much more—say, hundreds of thousands more—could be saved by the better supervision of contractors. Steps should be taken to prevent material being put into ships which has been condemned by the official inspector. As long as such tricks are done—and they are—accidents and repairs will continue to drain the exchequer.

It is good to learn from the First Lord's statement that the organisation of the royal dockyards is being inquired into. The result may be to prevent the repetition of such scandal as occurred recently, when £80,000 was spent in repairing a ship which was sold a few months later for less than half that sum.

It may teach the officials at Chatham—or at the Admiralty—not to spend some weeks building a new ship only to discover that it is the wrong one. That happened five months ago.

It may prove also that one crew is sufficient for one ship, so that when a party of men is sent from, say, Portsmouth to the Clyde to bring a ship round they need not find, when they arrive, that the ship has already left in charge of a crew sent down from Devonport.

When "The Prince of Pilsen" is produced at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, next week a feature of the occasion will be the London debut in the part of the "Gibson Girl" of Miss Christine Raynski, a young Hungarian lady of great beauty, who secured the rôle from close upon a thousand fair competitors.

believe it, to have you tied fast to me so that no one can ever part us again. Now do you trust me enough to do this?"

"Of course I do," she answered, turning on him eyes wide with wonder, as if it were strange that he should ask the question.

"I wouldn't ask you to do it," he said earnestly, "if there were any other way."

"But it is a beautiful way," she said, and a dreamy note came into her voice. "Just our two selves and no one else to know!"

"But everybody shall know afterwards," he cried with fervour. "Do you think I am going to bury my Princess Blue Eyes? She will be the most beautiful lady in the land, and she shall have all the most beautiful things in the world."

He did not anticipate any difficulty afterwards.

Once the thing was irrevocably done, and Joan was legally his wife, he did not think Vanna would take steps to upset the marriage on the score of the girl's age, because that would inevitably mean the raking up of the sad and unfortunate events of the past. For her own sake she would accept the inevitable. He would make her a rich woman, and in time she would learn to be satisfied. He could not help the belief that a great deal of money would heal her wounded feelings. Perhaps her recent conduct justified his assumption, although it was not true.

So it was settled in those few moments, while they paced the gravelled paths, down which many people were now hurrying on their way to the station to catch a train. Tony told the girl that he would seek out the English chaplain that very afternoon, or, if he could not see him then, the next morning. As soon as he had seen him and made the necessary arrangements, he would write a letter to her, which he would send to the Poste Restante, and she must call for it the next morning.

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The best drawing this week has come from a boy of ten.

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Or, rather, I should say the best two drawings, for he made two attempts, both of them excellent. Joyce Burgess (15) and Ida Beer (8) have both done very well again; also Grace Rosher (15).

On this page is another outline drawing of the little people in our story. We want each young reader to finish it off with pen or pencil. Then write their age, name, and address on a piece of paper and paste it with stamp paper or pin it to the picture. Pack it in an envelope addressed: "Children's Competition," *Daily Mirror*, 12, Whitefriars-street, and post it so that it reaches here on Wednesday morning at latest.

## "MY DIARY," BY DICK.

Pip's mother promised us all a treat to the Crystal Palace on Pip's birthday, which was last Wednesday. We all went—Pip, Mabel Jane, Bobby, and I, and Nurse, and Barney. It takes about half an hour in the train from us.

Bobby and I had a boxing-match on the way, and Nurse said: "If you don't leave off this minute, Master Dick and Master Bobby, I'll take you straight back." So we decided to finish the match when we got home.

I was rather disappointed in the Palace. Mother said it was made all of glass, and I thought it would be like the glass chandelier in our drawing-room, with dangle things that shine like diamonds. It isn't. It is just like a huge, giant conservatory. But inside it is crann full of exciting things. We went about and looked at them in the morning.

## Talking Lessons.

There is one place where there are Red Indians, with spears and bows and arrows, walking about or fighting or sitting on the ground. I thought at first that they must be real; they looked just like it, and there is real earth and plants grow where they are. But they are only dummies.

We wanted to stay by them much longer, only Barney said there were lots more things to see and dragged us off. She would look at the statues of history people, and kept trying to talk lessons.

"That is Sir Robert Peel," she said, "who—" I forgot what he did. Bobby and I both tried to hit him on the nose with a nut, but we missed him. Barney said it was "Most disrespectful" to throw nuts at him, she meant, not to miss him.

In the afternoon we went to the pantomime. I had bought Pip some sweets for her birthday, which we ate between the acts. I couldn't think what to get her, but we came to a place where

there was a man in a white cap—just like the ones mother made us when we had the feast—making toffee. He poured it out into a tin on the white marble counter, and it looked so lovely and greasy, and smelt so good, I thought Pip must have some. Pip said she would rather have a bead necklace, but, as I explained to her, I only had one sixpence, and we couldn't eat the beads. So we settled on the butterscotch.

After the pantomime we had tea. Bobby and I ate six buns each. The Crystal Palace is a hungry place. Then Nurse and Barney looked at the clock, and said we had only another half-hour more to the train, and we had better "sit and rest quiet." I hate doing that, and so I said couldn't we go down and look at the Red Indians just once more. "Not on account, Master Dick; you'll be tired out," said Nurse.

We all sat down in a row on some chairs in front of some high plants. Pip and I sat at the end of the row side by side. "Pip," I said, "do you

think that in the evening when the lights are turned out those Indians walk about and shoot those arrows?" "They look very real," said Pip. "I believe they do."

"Let's just go and see if they've moved yet. It would be an adventure," I said. "We'll pretend we are going to sit down on the other side of the palms, and then we will run there and back in no time."

Nurse let us go round the palms, and then we flew down to where I thought the Indians were. We couldn't find them at first. When we did they were standing just as we had left them in the morning.

There were several groups, and we wandered on from one to the other. I wanted to dive under the rope and pinch one of their legs, but Pip said she was tired, and wanted to go back.

"Let me see, which is the way. Do you remember, Pip?" "No, Dick, you said you would remember. Oh, dear, oh, dear, we are not lost,

are we?" Pip looked at me with her eyes very wide open, and her lip quivered a tiny bit. "Oh, no," I said, "of course we are not. We will go round here."

We came to a part we had not seen before, with cases of funny little figures that move when you drop a penny in. "Well," I said, "I don't know where we are, but we shall just have to walk about till we find the way."

(To be continued.)

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## A MAN IN A MILLION.

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and in it he would tell her where to meet him and at what time. Then, when the ceremony was performed, she must slip back to the hotel and fetch a bag, which she must have ready packed, if she could manage it. If not, she must come away without anything, and buy all she wanted as soon as they reached London.

He would be waiting in the motor-car on the lower road, down by the station. They would drive to Marseilles and pick up the train there, or get a special, if necessary, accomplish the journey with all speed, and, if there was any question at all about the validity of the Monte Carlo marriage, he would immediately obtain a special licence and they would be married again.

Joan listened like one in a dream. It seemed so strange, so wonderful, that this was really her future they were discussing—that she was going to be his wife, that nothing could ever separate them again. She had forgotten everything but the immediate prospect. All those vague, tormenting doubts that had been put into her mind by her mother's violent passion, and her bitter and cruel—though uncomprehended—words, had left her. She followed his instructions with the minutest attention, and promised that not a single detail should escape her mind.

It was he who, noting the time, insisted that they must go back to his mother in the rooms, as everything depended on their arriving not the slightest hint of suspicion in Mrs. Tempest's mind. So he took her back to the Casino, and parted from her at the steps.

He went straight back to his hotel, and ascertained where the English chaplain was staying. The reverend gentleman's hotel was further up the

hill, and he walked there, and inquired for him. But it happened that Mr. Beveridge was away; he had gone over to Mentone to spend the day with the Bishop, whose diocese extends all over Europe, wherever an English Church is planted on foreign soil.

Tony had to wait until the morning, when, he was informed, Mr. Beveridge would be visible at an early hour; and he found Monte Carlo a place devoid of all amusement, and killed the time by going over his plans, to see that there was no flaw in them.

To begin with, he was quite sure that Mr. Beveridge would not know Mrs. Tempest. She had not spent a Sunday in Monte Carlo, and it was not at all likely that they had met. That was fortunate, since it was no part of his plan to mention the mother of the girl he proposed to marry. The rest was easy, as long as the ceremony could be performed without delay.

Very early the next morning he called at the chaplain's hotel, and, on sending in his card, was immediately received by Mr. Beveridge in the smoking-room, which was quite empty.

Tony at once proceeded to lay his case before the chaplain, who was a man of scholarly aspect and charming manners. He desired to be married at once to a countrywoman of his, who was also staying in Monte Carlo, and he wished to know whether Mr. Beveridge could perform the ceremony without delay, and whether any special formalities were necessary.

The chaplain was at a loss. He said that a certain time of service was necessary before the marriage ceremony was performed, and the banns must be published in the usual way.

"But can't you get a special licence here?" asked the millionaire impatiently. "This lady is alone here. I want to take her to England at once, and I want to take her as my wife."

The chaplain looked thoughtful. Such a case

had never been presented to him before. He really did not know whether it was possible to dispense with the usual preliminaries by obtaining a special licence. But his Bishop was just now staying at Mentone. He would go over and consult him; he would go over that very morning, as Mr. Heron was pressed for time. He was only too glad to be of any service to Mr. Heron.

No doubt the worthy gentleman experienced a good deal of curiosity as to the unconventional marriage of this well-known and powerful personage, but, being perfectly well-bred, he concealed it under the bland courtesy of his manner.

Even if Mr. Beveridge caught the next train, he could not be back until after luncheon, and Tony made an appointment with him at four o'clock, when the chaplain would have seen his Bishop, returned from Mentone, and learned what it was possible to do.

So Tony had again to kill a few hours, and curb his impatience as best he could.

He went for a motor-ride and drove at a most reckless pace, came back, lunched, and then strolled into the Rooms.

The first person he saw was Vanna Tempest. She was alone. He almost betrayed himself by immediately inquiring after Joan. He was in a fever to see her again, to tell her what he had done.

Vanna smiled, and greeted him most cordially. "Are you going to play, Tony?" she asked. "I'm awfully tired. I've just come back from San Remo. I've been to see Joan off."

"To see her off?" he gasped.

"Yes. She's gone to some little place in the mountains with some friends. I don't think I even remember the name of it. It's a long way off. It will take them two days to drive. Monte Carlo didn't suit her at all."

Tony stared at her speechlessly. This was the one thing he had not reckoned on.

(To be continued.)

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## RUY LOPEZ WINS THE GOLD CUP.

Brilliant Military Gathering at Sandown Park—Blithesome's Fatal Accident.

### SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Premier honours at the Grand Military meeting at Sandown Park yesterday were secured by Rear-Admiral Lambton, whose handsome chestnut horse, Ruy Lopez, won the Gold Cup, after a race in which the two favourites, Do Be Quick and Buckhunter, finished second and third.

It was a brilliant gathering, and sustained the traditions of a meeting which ranks as a sporting re-union second only to the Liverpool Grand National at Aintree. Crowds throughout the enclosure were members' lawn was as that at Ascot on a smaller scale, and, fortunately for the ladies, the weather kept fine, with occasional gleams of sunshine.

The Cavalry Club, the Royal Artillery, and the Guards dispensed lavish hospitality from marquees on the opposite side of the course, and the band of the Scots Guards played in the pavilion on the lawn. There were many motor-cars as four-in-hands, and the carriages made a brave show.

In the babel of the betting-ring the names of Do Be Quick, Buckhunter, and Blithesome were the burthen of the hour, and the crowd was so dense that the latter, when he broke down. The pace was very hot at the beginning considering the distance was three miles, Buckhunter leading, followed by Blithesome, Shaun Abo, Daldorch, and Ruy Lopez.

All the men rode well, and admiration for the soldier's excellent horsemanship was expressed on all sides. It was much above the average, and the keenness of the fight was positively exhilarating. Ruy Lopez was sent to the front after he had been traversed, and travelling very smoothly and fencing beautifully, seemed assured of victory. And his path was made much easier when Blithesome fell and landed on the flat.

Blithesome died soon afterwards. The cause of death will be found by the veterinary surgeon. It is a great loss to his owner, Major Courtenay.

Buckhunter at this stage was also beaten. Then danger sprang from Do Be Quick, but Ruy Lopez shook off the latter and scored amid great applause. The race was ridden in fine style by Captain Stapcople, scion of the well-known Irish family, and an officer in the 2nd South Gloucestershire Regiment. It was a surprise that in the gallant ride expressed an agreeable surprise that Ruy Lopez came on again with him at such a juncture when challenging him vigorously by his opponent at the last fence. Lord Marcus Beresford, a veteran at the moment, among his congratulations, to remark that Captain Stapcople, who had been in the ranks, had been greater than "Ruy" come home without him.

Selling steeplechases are always difficult problems to deal with, more especially when owners who are unknown quantities, as far as riding goes, are in the saddle. The difficulty was solved in this case by Mr. L. S. Denny's mount, Whitehaven, winning rather heavily from Thymene, whose rider did not keep the horse straight.

The confidence reposed in The Arrowed in the Sandown Hurdle was never in doubt, the two novices, Sir Ludlow and Kiglas, the latter of whom was sent a failure on the flat, running moderately. The first-named, however, secured second place. Florio took the Past and Present Steeplechase from Sandy Bree chiefly because of his speed in the run-in. Blankelow, in the hands of Lord Hugh Grosvenor, made all the running for the Maiden Steeplechase.

### SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

#### SANDOWN PARK.

- 1.45—Open Hurdle—VERITAS.
- 2.15—Selling Steeplechase—MONACO.
- 2.45—March Hurdle—ST. HUBERT.
- 3.15—Military Steeplechase—THE FARMER.
- 3.45—United Service Steeplechase—DO BE QUICK.
- 4.15—Tallyho Steeplechase—RED POTTAGE.

#### SPECIAL SELECTION.

THE FARMER. GREY FRIARS.

#### RACING RETURNS.

#### SANDOWN PARK.—FRIDAY.

- 1.45—COORDE SPRINGS OPEN SELLING HANDICAP—HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles.
- Mr. S. J. Bell's **THE ARROWED**, aged, 12st. Owner 1.
- Mr. P. R. Hunt's **PERSEUS II**, 5yrs, 11st 12lb Dolly 2.
- Mr. E. Christie-Miles's **HIGO**, aged, 12st 5lb Mr. Buiell 3.
- Also ran: Wild 13rd.

- (Winner trained by P. Ludlow.)
- Betting.—"Sporting Life" Prices: 5 to 1 agt. Perseus II, 3 to 1 agt. Methusalem, 4 to 1 Rigo, and 7 to 1 Wild Apple.
- Sportsman's Prices: Same as above. Won by two lengths, 4 to 1 agt. Perseus II.
- 2.15—SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles.
- Mr. L. S. Denny's **WHITEHAVEN**, aged, 12st. Owner 1.
- Mr. Coland Charles's **THYMENE**, aged, 12st Capt. C. B. 2.
- Mr. Hugh Ashby's **BENHEAD**, aged, 12st. Owner 3.
- Also ran: Mount 13th, Pottage (aged, 12st), Athel Brook (aged, 12st), Monaco (5yrs, 12st).

- (Winner trained by Gully.)
- Betting.—"Sporting Life" Prices: 2 to 1 agt. Whitehaven, 3 to 1 Thymene, 4 to 1 Athel Brook, 8 to 1 Benhead and Monaco.
- Sportsman's Prices: 2 to 1 Whitehaven, 7 to 2 Thymene, 8 to 1 Benhead. Won by three lengths; four lengths divided second and third.

- 2.55—GRAND MILITARY GOLD CUP of 500 sovs (a plate of plate value 100 sovs, and 400 sovs in specie). Three miles.
- Rear-Admiral Lambton's **RUY LOPEZ**, 5yrs, 11st 12lb. Owner 1.
- Mr. P. K. Smiley's **DO BE QUICK**, 5yrs, 11st 12lb. Owner 2.
- Colonel H. T. Fenwick's **BUCKHUNTER**, 5yrs, 12st. Owner 3.

- Also ran: Blithesome (5yrs, 12st), Gabry (aged, 12st), Daldorch (aged, 11st 10lb), Shaun Abo (aged, 12st 10lb), Redemer (aged, 11st 7lb).
- (Winner trained by Captain Dewhurst.)
- Betting.—"Sporting Life" Prices: 2 to 1 agt. Do Be Quick, 3 to 1 agt. Buckhunter, 4 to 1 agt. Daldorch, 10 to 1 agt. Shaun Abo and Ruy Lopez, and 10 to 1 to each other.
- Sportsman's Prices: Same as above. Won by two lengths, four lengths between second and third.

- 3.25—SANDOWN MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 400 sovs. Two miles.
- Mr. S. M. Nolan's **THE ARROWED**, 5yrs, 11st 10lb. Owner 1.
- Mr. R. Stott's **SIR LADDO**, 5yrs, 10st 12lb. Owner 2.
- Mr. F. R. Fry's **ADDESTONE**, 5yrs, 10st 7lb. Owner 3.
- Also ran: Rafterg (5yrs, 10st 12lb), Kiglas (5yrs, 10st 12lb), Shelmastin (5yrs, 10st 12lb), and 10 to 1 to each other.
- (Winner trained by McNaughton.)
- Betting.—"Sporting Life" Prices: 5 to 4 agt. The Arrowed, 10 to 1 agt. Addestone, 7 to 1 agt. Sir Laddo, 10 to 1 agt. Rafterg, and 10 to 1 to each other.
- Sportsman's Prices: Same as above. Won by four lengths; very bad third.

- 3.55—PAST AND PRESENT STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Two miles and a half.
- Sir P. Filmer's **FLORIO**, 5yrs, 10st 7lb. Mr. C. Banbury 1.
- Mr. C. H. Style's **SANDY BREE**, aged, 13st. Mr. Blake 2.
- Mr. P. K. Smiley's **RAIFORE**, 12st. Capt. Babosham 3.
- Also ran: Noveb (5yrs, 12st), Blue Eyes (5yrs, 12st), Dom Carlos (5yrs, 12st), Vaia Price (5yrs, 12st), Dom Carlos (5yrs, 12st), and 10 to 1 to each other.
- (Winner trained by Chamberlain.)
- Betting.—"Sporting Life" Prices: 8 to 4 agt. Noveb, 10 to 1 agt. Florio, 5 to 2 agt. Dom Carlos, 5 to 1 agt. Sandy Bree, and 10 to 1 to each other.
- Sportsman's Prices: Same as above. Won by three-quarters of a length; bad third.

- 4.25—MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles.
- Lord Hugh Grosvenor's **BRANKLELOW**, 5yrs, 11st 10lb. Owner 1.
- Major M. H. Tristram's **WITNEY**, 5yrs, 11st 6lb. Owner 2.
- Mr. B. T. St. John's **ADRAH**, 5yrs, 12st 5lb. Owner 3.
- Also ran: Shamrock IV (aged, 11st 6lb), Storming (5yrs, 11st 6lb), and 10 to 1 to each other.
- (Winner trained by Capt. Elwes.)
- Betting.—"Sporting Life" Prices: 11 to 4 agt. Witney and Adrah, 5 to 1 agt. Brankelow, 5 to 1 agt. Witney, and 10 to 1 to each other.
- Sportsman's Prices: 11 to 4 agt. Witney, 5 to 1 agt. Adrah, 5 to 1 agt. Brankelow, 5 to 1 agt. Witney, and 10 to 1 to each other.

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

#### SANDOWN PARK.

- 1.45—OPEN SELLING HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles.

- Mr. Q. Queen II. 11 7
- A.N.B. 11 7
- Revera 11 7
- Galathea 11 7
- Prison 11 7
- Power Money 11 7
- Wish Lad 11 7
- Wish Lad 11 7
- Miss Blucher 11 7

- 2.15—SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs.

- Monster 12 6
- Red Pottage 12 6
- Maratona 12 6
- Alfred Brook 12 6
- Salvador 12 6
- Monaco 12 6
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- 2.45—MARCH OPEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 400 sovs. Two miles.

- Karakoul 12 7
- Vendula 12 7
- Cheriton Belle 12 7
- Cousack Post 12 7
- St. Hubert 12 7
- Asuden Rise 12 7
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- 3.15—GRAND MILITARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 500 sovs. Two miles and a half.

- The Actuary 12 6
- Phil May 12 6
- Lord James 12 6
- The Farmer 12 6
- King George 12 6
- Ruby 12 6
- Do Be Quick 12 6
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- Konak 12 6
- Konak 12 6

- 3.45—UNITED SERVICE STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Two miles.

- Prince Talleyrand 12 7
- Monotype 12 7
- Good 12 7
- Crataceus 12 7
- Athel Brook 12 7
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- 4.15—TALLYHO STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles.

- O'Neil 12 6
- Beloved 12 6
- Red Pottage 12 6
- Polioctick 12 6
- Bocket V 12 6
- Falconbridge 12 6
- Black 12 6
- Shamrock IV 12 6
- Shamrock IV 12 6
- All Hampton 12 6

### LATEST LONDON BETTING.

#### LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

- (Run Tuesday, March 28. One mile.)

- 8 to 1 agt. Hackler's Piece, 5yrs, Est 2lb (t and o) Fallon
- 10 to 1 agt. Banovine, 7yrs, Est 6lb (t and o) C. Waugh
- 100 to 1 agt. Vedas, 5yrs, Est 8lb (t and o) W. Robinson
- 100 to 1 agt. Housewife, 7yrs, Est 6lb (t and o) Blackwell
- 100 to 1 agt. Charles, 5yrs, Est 10lb (t and o) C. Lamberton
- 20 to 1 agt. Unimproved, 5yrs, Est (t and o) F. Hunt
- 25 to 1 agt. Commend, 5yrs, Est 4lb (t and o) S. Lattice

#### GRAND NATIONAL.

- (Run Friday, March 31. About four miles and 856 yards.)
- 7 to 1 agt. Mofias, 5yrs, 11st 12lb (t and o) R. Marsh
- 10 to 1 agt. Leinster, 7yrs, 12st 7lb (t and o) Sir C. Nugent
- 10 to 1 agt. Commend, 5yrs, 11st 12lb (t and o) Sir C. Nugent
- 100 to 1 agt. Shaun Abo, 7yrs, 10st 7lb (t and o) J. Lamberton
- 100 to 1 agt. Dearslayer, 5yrs, 10st 8lb (t and o) J. Lamberton
- 100 to 1 agt. Royal Drake, 7yrs, 10st 4lb (t and o) Mr. Hastings
- 28 to 1 agt. Longhorse, 7yrs, 10st 7lb (t and o) Sentence
- 33 to 1 agt. Buckhunter, 5yrs, 10st 7lb (t and o) Sentence
- 33 to 1 agt. The Actuary, 7yrs, 10st 5lb (t and o) Collins
- 33 to 1 agt. Commend, 5yrs, 10st 5lb (t and o) Collins
- 50 to 1 agt. Nepper Tandy, 5yrs, 10st (t and o) Sir C. Nugent

### AUSTRALIANS IN NEW ZEALAND.

DUNEDIN, Otago (N.Z.), Friday.—A match was begun here to-day between the Australian team for England and the New Zealand team. The latter were the only team home in front on a slow wicket. The Australian captain and Corder soon disposed of the Otago men, who were out of the game in the first innings.

Against this Trumper and Duff opened the Australian innings, and soon passed their opponents' total. A long drive by Trumper being caught by the Australian captain making a score of 87, which included fourteen 4's. Duff's wicket subsequently went for 74. After four more wickets the second innings was begun. The Australian batsmen were drawn for the day, the Australians having then lost six wickets for 201.

## THIRD ROUND OF THE NATIONAL CUP.

Fulham and Southampton Hopes of the South—Will Lancashire Keep the Cup?

### NOTES ON THE FOUR TIES.

To-day is a momentous one with eight of the leading English football clubs. They will meet in the third round of the contest for the English Cup, and the winners will be drawn in the semi-finals on Monday.

The matches are as follows:—  
**Liverpool: Everton v. Southampton.**  
**Birmingham: Aston Villa v. Fulham.**  
**Bolton: Bolton Wanderers v. Newcastle U.**  
**Preston: Preston North End v. Sheffield W.**

Mr. Alfred Davis will give his impressions of the game at Everton in Monday's *Daily Mirror*, and the story of the Birmingham match will be told by itself.

The eyes of all Southern enthusiasts will be turned to Liverpool and Birmingham, where the survivors of the South are battling for the prestige of the Southern League. Fulham have never before got so far in the competition, but the "Saints" are tried warriors, and, although they are asked to accomplish a stupendous performance, I am not without hopes of seeing the wearers of the red-and-white stripes again in the closing scenes of the competition.

Fulham, the last of London's clubs, will not be quite so highly tried as the Southern champions, but many teams are really capable of the feat, though the development of the heart which presages a lost battle. This I do not think will happen to any of the Fulham players to-day, but the team that has to be defeated is the invincible, and moreover, they have already beaten Manchester United on the same ground this season.

In Ross, the ex-Burnley star, Fulham have the back of the year, so far as the Southern League is concerned, and whether Thorpe or Sharp partners him matters little. Fulham are really capable of the feat, though the development of the heart which presages a lost battle. This I do not think will happen to any of the Fulham players to-day, but the team that has to be defeated is the invincible, and moreover, they have already beaten Manchester United on the same ground this season.

With Morrison at centre-half Hampton, the dashing youth who represents the Villa at centre-forward, will be the main attraction. I think the result of the match largely depends on Fulham's middle line. If they can hold the Villa forwards we shall probably have a replay at Fulham, as I don't think the Fulham forwards will be able to hold the Villa forwards. They are a moderate line in a good team. Had Fulham possessed a robust forward line this season they would have won the Southern League Shield; as it is they are out of the running for that trophy simply through an inability to score goals.

Still, with two wingers like Soar and Lennie the middle men are sure to have plenty of opportunities, and, if they are really capable of the feat, though the development of the heart which presages a lost battle. This I do not think will happen to any of the Fulham players to-day, but the team that has to be defeated is the invincible, and moreover, they have already beaten Manchester United on the same ground this season.

Aston Villa are just now at the top of their form. Spencer is my beau ideal of a full-back, and Miles, his partner, is a really rougher diamond, is almost as capable a player. George, the goalkeeper, is playing good enough to represent England, and although not quite so brilliant as Fryer, he is a sound exponent of the art of goal-keeping. The Villa have played at Wembley on Saturday, and Pearson and Wainwright are also sound players.

It is forward, however, that the Villa are so much stronger than Fulham. Hampton, the centre, is a budding centre-forward, and he is a really rougher diamond, is almost as capable a player. George, the goalkeeper, is playing good enough to represent England, and although not quite so brilliant as Fryer, he is a sound exponent of the art of goal-keeping. The Villa have played at Wembley on Saturday, and Pearson and Wainwright are also sound players.

Southampton and Everton have twice before met in Cup-ties, and honours are easy between the clubs. I am not sure that Southampton is not quite so good in some of their previous seasons, but I am sure that Everton are even better than usual. League wirepullers have crippled Southampton clubs, and Southampton have failed to get to many great players to their fold of late years. Still, the ex-soldier lad, has turned out a rare forward, and he will have to be well watched by the Everton defence. Benson, the new back, is a dashing player, who may or may not come off against the clever Everton forwards. He will have his hands full with Hardman and Settle.

At half-back the sides are well matched, and it will be a matter of time before the Spurs in the last round will win, but I am still hopeful. Memories of past Cup-tie glories may spur the side on to further dogged defence. The Tottenham vanquish Everton at Goodison Park last year?

Newcastle played such good football when I saw them in their two matches against the Spurs in the last round that I cannot imagine Bolton Wanderers beating them, in spite of the fact that they are playing at home. The Newcastle men are a dashing set, and I am sure that they will be a class by the eleven which beat Manchester City by 4-0. The Newcastle men are a dashing set, and I am sure that they will be a class by the eleven which beat Manchester City by 4-0. The Newcastle men are a dashing set, and I am sure that they will be a class by the eleven which beat Manchester City by 4-0.

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Preston North End and Sheffield Wednesday at Preston should be an open game, although the Blades must be better than the other side. The Blades must be better than the other side. The Blades must be better than the other side. The Blades must be better than the other side. The Blades must be better than the other side. The Blades must be better than the other side.

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cashire this may have three teams in the semi-final round. Hopes run high in the Red Rose county that "T. Coop" will remain there.

Of the eight clubs left in the competition three belong to Lancashire, and the other five to Yorkshire, Warrickshire, Yorkshire, and Northumberland have each one representative. Newcastle United have been training at Redcar, and the other four at Warrickshire. Preston North End at Matlock, and Sheffield Wednesday at Fleetwood, and Everton, Southampton, Fulham, and Aston Villa have been preparing at home. The other four are from London and Southampton, so that the Southern clubs will not lack for support.

The Cup-ties have, of course, disarranged the First League fixture-list, but there are four matches. Small Heath will make a big effort to retrieve their position in the league, but it is not likely that they will. Small Heath will make a big effort to retrieve their position in the league, but it is not likely that they will. Small Heath will make a big effort to retrieve their position in the league, but it is not likely that they will.

In the Second Division both Liverpool and Manchester United are at home, the first-named against Blackpool and the latter against Bolton. Both are in a good position, and the results should be profitable to both the home clubs.

The Southern League has six games on its card. Tottenham Hotspur will be at home to Queen's Park Rangers and should improve their position in the league. Tottenham Hotspur will be at home to Queen's Park Rangers and should improve their position in the league. Tottenham Hotspur will be at home to Queen's Park Rangers and should improve their position in the league.

West Ham will entertain Sheffield United at Upton Park, and Watford will entertain Clapton.

Corinthians v. Notts County should secure a good gate at the Essex ground, Leyton. Notts, of course, visit town with but a poor record in the league, but the Corinthians are a strong team. Arthur Cursham and his brother and Willie Ginn and Harry Daff long years ago won a place for Notts in the affection of the South country, and there are many of us who can vividly recall the brilliant work of the boys of the old brigade. The Corinthians will have a good side, and I think we must expect much of them.

In Rugby this afternoon the chief game is the second struggle between Somerset and Cornwall. At the first, back in November, the Cornishmen were successful, and they need to win outright again to tie for first place with Devon. A draw will put them in second place.

Of the metropolitan fixtures perhaps the most interesting is that between Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal at the Queen's Club. The Scottish and Blackheath play their return game, but the contest is not particularly promising. But tradition dies hard. Arthur Cursham and his brother and Willie Ginn and Harry Daff long years ago won a place for Notts in the affection of the South country, and there are many of us who can vividly recall the brilliant work of the boys of the old brigade. The Corinthians will have a good side, and I think we must expect much of them.

Swansea and Newport meet for the fourth time, but there is no reason to anticipate any reversal of the result. The two teams have met in four previous encounters all ended in favour of the apparently invincible Swansea fifteen, who scored 27 points to Newport's 3.

### TO-DAY'S ATHLETICS.

Three national cross-country championships for seniors, and also one for juniors, will be decided this afternoon. The following are the principal fixtures:—

At Lingfield: English National Cross-country Championship (Holders, Highgate Harriers).

At Scotscroft: Northern Cross-country Championship (Holders, Edinburgh Harriers).

At Catterick: Welsh National Senior and Junior Cross-country Championships (the latter played at Catterick Harriers).

At Rugby: Rugby School v. Thames Harrow and Hounds.

At Wellington College: Wellington College v. United Hospitals' Harrow and Hounds.

Elstree, Shalfesbury, Belgrave, Gothic House, and other harriers are also holding races for their respective districts.

### THE CITY.

Tear's Manifesto Scares Markets—Dulness in Consols and Rails.

CARET COURT, Friday Evening.—Markets had a far-to-day, but do not seem to have been decided this afternoon. The following are the principal fixtures:—

Home Rails were dull with Consols. North-Easterns lost a point, for the first time, in the afternoon. The market was lower. The talk of a threatened strike on the District did not have much effect, and Metropolitan's price was only a trifle higher. The market was quiet as to interest feature was the set-back in the new Great Northern and Piccadilly and Charing Cross and Hampstead scrip. The market was quiet as to interest feature was the set-back in the new Great Northern and Piccadilly and Charing Cross and Hampstead scrip.

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# NORTHERN UNION'S CUP-TIE DAY.

"Broken-timers" Start Their Competition Proper—Prospects of the Teams.

## VALENTINE AND MANCHESTER.

"Soccer" enthusiasts will not enjoy a monopoly of Cup-tie excitement this afternoon, for while the last eight clubs in the F.A. competition are struggling for a place in the semi-final, with their eyes fixed on the Crystal Palace, the first round proper of the Northern Union Cup journey will be in progress.

The weeding-out process among the "broken timers" is, however, more merciful to the weaker clubs than is the F.A. qualifying stage, and so the participation of many third-rate clubs in this afternoon's matches limits speculation somewhat, leaving but few games in which the issue is enveloped with uncertainty.

One of the few is the tie concerning Leigh and Wigan, which is easily the foremost in point of interest, for not only are the clubs members of the First Division of the League, and close rivals for the championship of the South-West Lancashire League, but very closely allied geographically and financially. A "gate" is confidently anticipated by Leigh officials, and with this in view extensive arrangements have been made on the Leigh ground to provide extra accommodation.

Leigh are setting much store by the possible reappearance at half-back of A. Burgess, who has been greatly missed during his two months' suspension. Should he turn out Whitaker will probably be dropped. Wigan are doubtful about Thomas, and Trezine, another Welshman, may turn out. The game should prove a memorable one, and it is as well that so strong a referee as Mr. J. H. Smith, of Widnes, is allocated to the tie.

For a consideration of £100 Widnes have consented to waive choice of ground, and their tie with Wakefield Trinity will, therefore, be played in Yorkshire, a circumstance not likely to be palatable to the faithful supporters of Widnes. That there will be a bigger "gate" at Wakefield is certain, but, all the same, it is quite disquieting to find a First Division club disposing of its birthright, so to say, in this fashion. At the same time, it is not to be denied that the fact that, even at home, the Trinity will be equal to beating the Lancashire men, although the hoped-for reëntrance of E. W. Bennett, the Wakefield captain, is an important factor in the situation.

In the only other instance of First Division clubs being in opposition victory should certainly go to Broughton Rangers, who can hardly fail to beat Runcorn. Time was when one would have hesitated to hold the Cheshire men in such light esteem.

Both the premier Hull clubs will be at home, for while the titular club of a third hour had choice of ground originally, Kingston Rovers have persuaded Broadland Rovers—who beat Maryport after a protest—to make the long journey from Cumberland to the East Coast. An exhibition of football neither tie is, however, calculated to stir the blood.

One of the most interesting of the remaining ties is that between Halifax and Dewsbury, for one hears that the latter are not at all overawed by the magnitude of their task in engaging the holders of the Cup, and mean to make a fight of it. So, too, do Rochdale Hornets, another Second Division club called upon to tackle a senior organization away from home, although, in their case, it is a melancholy fact that Swinton's record score of 8 goals and 10 tries was made against the Hornets. But Swinton are far from being the team they were.

Bradford have done Castletford the honour of selecting their full team, including Rees, the ex-Aberavon forward, who has been under suspension. To the ordinary observer Castletford would not seem to have a "dog's chance," yet, one hears that the "Glasglowers" have been systematically training for the encounter with the League champions.

Although something less than a full team would have enabled Warrington to account for Morecambe, yet frequenters of the Whitepool enclosure will be glad to see Jack Preston, the county forward, reappearing in the home side after being out of the game since January 28 with a broken wrist.

Appropos of Swinton, it is rumored that Albert Valentine may emulate more famous brother, "Bob," and "Dai" Davis, two old Swintonians, and turn his attention to "Soccer." Davis is, of course, the Bolton Wanderers' and Welsh international goalkeeper, and Robert Valentine it is said that he may replace Moger, the old Southampton custodian, in the Manchester Mersey team.

## CYCLING RUNS START.

The advent of March brings with it the opening of the active-racing season among the London clubs. One of the first to "get off the mark" is the Stanley club, who are always belated in such matters. The week-end club meets this afternoon at the Obelisk, Wood Green, and the route will be via Winchmore Hill, Botany Bay, and Potter's Bar to Barnet. Following a repast at the Old Salisbury Hotel there will be a smoking concert. A walking section will train to Palmer's Green and then take the high road for Barnet.

The Ancients commence the season with a short run into Kent, returning to their headquarters at the Crystal Palace in the evening for "harmony and general good-fellowship." Mersey is the destination of the De Laune, the Clifton run is to Plaistow (Kent), the Kingsdale to High Barnet, Highgate to Ridge Hill, Adelphi to Edgware, Havodale to Coulsdon, Redway to Morden, Surrey. Wheelers to Epsom, and Forest Hill to Hayes.

After their first run in West Ham this afternoon the Goldsmiths will play a football match with Catford, the kick-off taking place at four o'clock. A boxing tournament and concert will take place in the evening at the Swan Hotel.

## WRESTLING AT THE LYCEUM.

At a special matinee to be given at the Lyceum next Thursday afternoon, March 9, Tom McInerney, the catch-as-catch-can champion of Great Britain, and Armand Cherpillat, champion of France, are to wrestle the best of three falls for £100 a side. Taking into consideration the facts that McInerney is present in splendid condition, and that Cherpillat is very widely regarded as the cleverest wrestler in his style who has yet invaded England, the match should provide some exciting and interesting wrestling. In addition the chief contest there will be an exceptionally attractive programme, athletic and otherwise.

## 'SPURS' NEW FORWARD.

Chapman, of Northampton, Goes to the Tottenham Club.

When poor Bristol Jones died at the beginning of the season the "Spurs" lost their cleverest forward, and since then they have been hard up for an outside right. Woodward has gone from centre to inside right, and the day of the forwards has suffered in consequence, as a capable centre has not been found to take his place. Months ago the "Spurs" executive cast about to find a man who could take Jones's place, and choice fell upon Chapman, of Northampton. But at that time the Midland club had the season in front of them, and they declined to transfer their star forward. Now they can do as well with cash as the "Spurs" can with League points, and for a consideration, which has not been stated, I learn that Chapman was on Thursday night signed on by Mr. Hawley. He will make his debut for the Londoners in the Southern League match at Millwall to-day week, and will also be eligible to assist the "Spurs" in the final of the Southern Charity Cup. CITIZEN.

## TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

### ASSOCIATION.

#### FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP—Third Round.

BOLTON: Bolton Wanderers v. Newcastle United. Bolton Wanderers: Davies; A. Taylor and Struthers; Clifford, Greenhalgh, and Bond; Stokes, Marsh, Shepherd, White, and Wilson.

Newcastle United: Lawrence; McCumbe and Carr; Gardner, Aitken, and McWilliam; Rutherford, Howie, Appleyard, Orr, and Gossnell. Reserve: McCracken. Referee: Mr. J. B. Brodie.

LIVERPOOL: Everton v. Southampton. Southampton: G. Cluskey; R. Benson and G. Molyneux; A. Lee, H. C. Paine, and A. F. Boulter; Webb, E. Bluff, F. Harrison, G. A. Hedley, and J. Wiser. Reserve: R. Benson and G. Molyneux.

BIRMINGHAM: Aston Villa v. Fulham. Fulham: Pryor; Ross and Thorpe; Haworth, Morrison, and Goudie; Boar, Graham, Fraser, Wardrope, and Lennie. Reserve: Sharp, Bell, and Giffy.

PRESTON: Preston North End v. Sheffield Wednesday. Preston North End: McBride; Derbyshire and Redway; McLean, Hunter, and Lyon; Bond, Maher, Smith, Bell, and Bourne.

Sheffield Wednesday: Lyall; Slavin (or Layton) and Aston; Ruddicline, Grayhill, and Bartlett; Davis, Chapman, Wilson, (or Hemmings), Stewart, and Simpson (or Malloch). Referee: Mr. A. K. Macintosh.

THE LEAGUE—Division I. Derby C. v. Manchester City; Blackburn R. v. Small Heath. Middlesbrough v. Notts Forest; Sunderland v. Woolwich.

Division II. Bradford C. v. Lincoln C. Manchester United v. West Glosport v. Barnsley; Albion.

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SOUTH EASTERN LEAGUE. Hastings and St. Leonards v. Southern U. v. Hitchin Town. Grays United v. Brighton and Hove Athletic.

W. Arsenal R. v. Watford R. R. v. Aylesbury United. Queen's Park Rangers R. v. Willesden Town. Millwall R. Tottenham Hotspur Res. v. Brentford Res. v. Leyton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE. Heart of Midlothian v. Third Lanark v. Hibernian. Greenock Morton v. Port Glasgow v. Queen's Park.

OTHER MATCHES. Corinthians v. Notts City. West Ham United v. Sheffield Wednesday. Clapton. v. field United.

W. Athletic v. Marlow. O. Etonians v. O. Reptonians. O. Clifton v. O. Chalmers. Basing v. Casuals.

## RUGBY.

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Taunton: Somerset v. Cornwall.

### OTHER MATCHES.

London Scot. v. Blackheath. Swanssea v. Newport. Old Leytons v. Old Alleyns. Bedford v. Rosslyn Park.

London Welsh v. Bristol. Cheltenham v. Bath. London Irish v. St. Mary's H. Devonport copyright, 1905. Rugby v. Old Edwardians.

London v. Northampton. Old Merchant Taylors v. St. Thomas's Hospital. Academicals v. Edinboro' U. R. of Scotland v. Watson's.

Gloucester v. Cardiff. Exeter v. Plymouth. Moseley v. Oxford United.

### NORTHERN UNION.

#### THE CUP—First Round.

Swinton v. Rochdale Hornets. Bradford v. Castletford. Maryport v. Hull King's R. Hall v. Leigh Shamrocks.

St. Helens v. Rochdale Rgs. Warrington v. Morecambe. Batley v. Barrow. Keighley v. Bailford.

Broughton Res. v. Runcorn. Leeds United. Halifax v. Dewsbury. Huddersfield v. York.

Leigh v. Wigan. Oldham v. Normanton. Hunslet v. Parton. Wakefield Trin. v. Widnes.

## "W. G.'s" BEREAVEMENT.

Champion Cricketer Loses His Son—A Cambridge Blue.

The sympathy of all cricketers will go out to Dr. W. G. Grace in the irreparable loss that has befallen him in the decease of his son—the old Cambridge Blue. A few years ago—that was soon after he had come to London to take charge of the London County Club at the Crystal Palace—Dr. and Mrs. Grace were stricken down in sorrow by the death of their daughter, and this latest bereavement has been a cruel blow to her father. I remember vividly young W.G.'s failure in his 'Varsity match at Lord's. His sister and mother were spectators on the grand stand, and as their young hero was out for a "duck" the tears were plentiful from the sister. Young Miss Grace reminded me very much of that famous old lady in the West—her grandmother, whose cricket receptions at Cheltenham and Clifton lent much charm to the festivals in those halcyon days of the "County of the Graces."

Young W. G. who is now lost to us, was a very fair cricketer; but the genius of his sire had not been transmitted to him. And I am afraid that the charm of his name, more than his actual cricket abilities, was largely instrumental in getting him his blue for Cambridge. He played some good cricket in his very young days for Gloucestershire, and afterwards he occasionally appeared with the London County eleven. Dr. Grace's loss will be deeply mourned, particularly by those who knew him first in his childhood days, when he was brought up to be shown at Cheltenham and Clifton. TEMPLAR.

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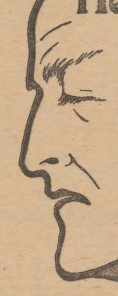
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